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With Kindest regards

A. W. Wright

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Memories of Mount Forest

... Dedicated ...

To the Honor and Memory of
The Founders of Mount Forest
and the Pioneers of these Townships
also their brave Sons and Daughters
who laid down their lives
in defence of Liberty
in the Great War
and to the
Unity, Integrity and Prosperity
of Canada and the Empire.

MEMORIES

— OF —

MOUNT FOREST

and Surrounding Townships

Minto, Arthur, West Luther, Normanby,
Egremont, Proton

In Honor of the

DIAMOND JUBILEE

OF THE

CONFEDERATION

OF THE

DOMINION OF CANADA

and of the Founding of

The Mount Forest Confederate

1867-1927

Edited by Arthur Walker Wright

CANADA

He shall have Dominion also from Sea to Sea,
And from the River unto the Ends of the Earth.

Psalm 72:8

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AN ASPIRATION

AIR "SCOTS WHA HAE"

O Canada, my native land,
Fair daughter of Britannia grand,
From thee all freedom's foes be banned,
All greed and treachery

Thy skies are of the brightest blue,
Thy waters are of the clearest hue,
Then may thy sons be pure and true
And spurn all villany

Thy fish and forest, hill and dale,
Lake, river, prairie, mountain, vale,
Comprised within thy sweeping pale
In peace and unity

Thy clan the youthful nation pleads,
With all her races tongues and creeds,
To lofty thoughts and noble deeds
To join in rivalry

Then down with all that causes strife,
And up with all that fosters life
Our constant cause war to the knife.
Sustain our policy

A. W. W.

Once Again

Once again we gladly meet
With and ten on kindly greet
And chat about the years apace
A minute and then we begin to

Once again the sky is blue
We find but still on friends are true
Most happily we gather here
For sweet remembrance and good
cheer

Once again this kindred band
Does ever to ever gives hand in hand.
Rejoices in each other's weal.
In sad for those who sorrow feel.

Once again young hearts beat free
With Faith, and Hope, and Cheer
Once again old bosoms glow
With memories of long ago

Once again we mourn our dead
And wistfully we gaze ahead
Till the great Re-union comes
In our eternal happy Home

A. W. W.

For Auld Lang Syne

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Preface

This volume is in the main a reprint of articles that appeared in The Mount Forest Confederate during the year 1927, as a humble contribution in a local and individual way to the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation.

I wrote briefly on some Canadian celebration. It preserves, in more detail, some account of the history of the little home paper that had the honor to be founded in the year of Confederation and to derive its name from that auspicious circumstance.

Above all it aims to commemorate the pioneers, the native and some of the achievements of as many of the Pioneers of the community and of its War Heroes as it was practical to compile in the time and space at man's disposal.

Altogether the book is a work of justice but it has been a labor of love as well as of duty's overwhelmers. Such as it is, with its many shortcomings, the writer hopes that it will be cordially received, and that it will be carefully preserved in the homes of residents of this district and by many former residents as a reminder of days that are gone and of the generation that has now mostly passed away.

Thanks are due to the many who have in any way contributed to the work. We wish mention in particular the Township Clerks who obligingly furnished us with valuable data. Messrs. Albert Seiger, Arthur, David Allan, Drayton, W. D. McLellan, Mimico, and W. W. Thomas, West Luther.

ARTHUR W. WRIGHT

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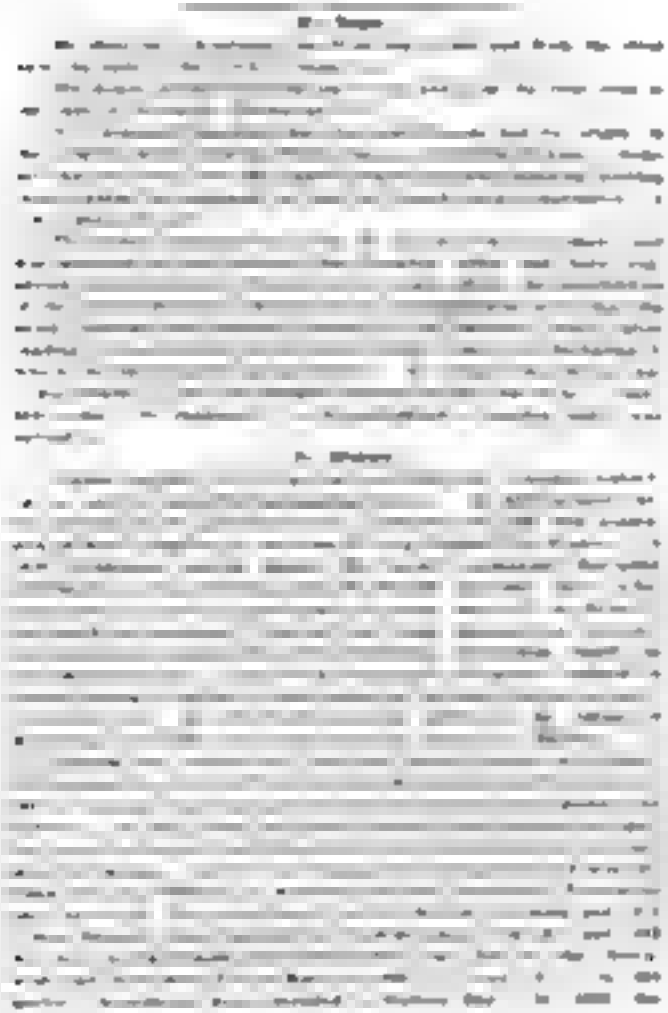

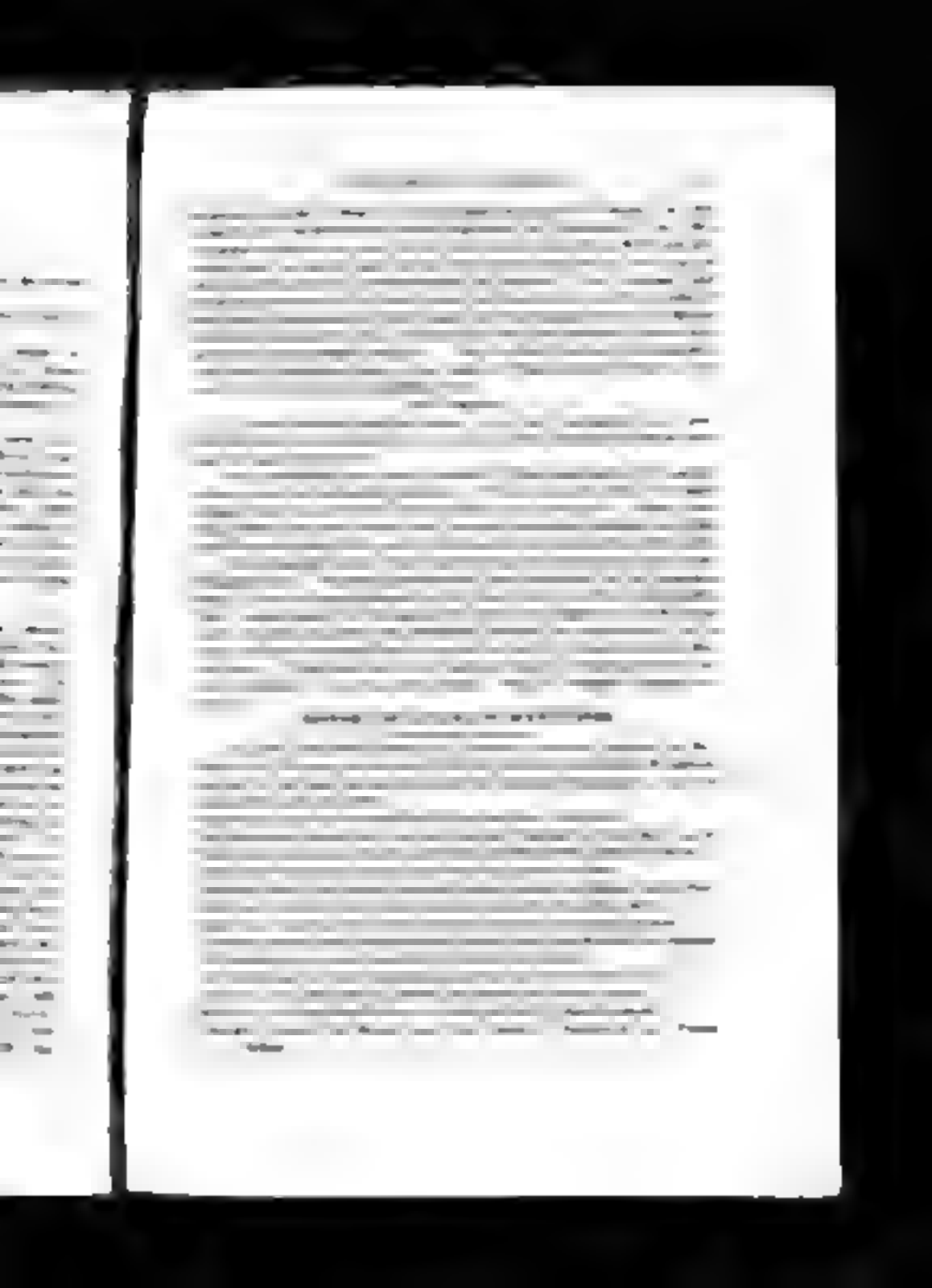

Diamond Jubilee
of
The Confederate

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of
The Confederate

From a Chick to a Chanticleer

1947

After a sketch by the first editor

1957

After a sketch by the present editor

(From The Confederate, March 31, 1957)

The Confederate today completes its sixtieth year as a newspaper. It is fit and that some notice should be taken of so auspicious an occasion.

There is no other newspaper in the world, so far as we know, that bears the name of The Confederate. There will be only one. Never the less, at least for the same reason.

On March 29th, 1867 Queen Victoria gave assent to the British North America Act by which the Confederation of the Dominion of Canada was authorized by the Imperial Parliament. The next week the first issue of the Confederate appeared. At first it was rather an amateur production, small in size and appearing rather irregularly. The proprietor was Mr. H. B. Stovel and the first editor was his son, Harry C. Stovel a mere lad of 18 years under the guidance

years and a half he retired. Three months later the Advocate ceased publication and three months later on January 20th, 1886, the Leamington started The Representative which under the same management continued until it was taken over by J. W. Wright on August 1st, 1918.

After disposing of The Independent and Chronicle Mr. H. K. Hazel started The Times and published it [illegible] Chronicle till on October 1st.

In more recent years in the wake of a prosperous rural optimism two Wednesday dailies were started by M. Archie Rogers and the town had three papers for a couple of years.

The Confederate had always been Reform in its political leanings. The Examiner was at first under M. Crabb & Co. as that of paper but became Reform when purchased by Messrs. Mr. Adams and McLaren in that until amalgamated there were two Reform journals in Chatham and the Conservative paper until The Advocate was started.

The Representative was influential in politics. Since amalgamation the present editor has pursued an independent course and proposes to run same as at present.

In the first issue of The Confederate the advertisers were Angus Stewart, Hamilton Macrae, Western Assurance Co., A. Nelson, painter, plaster and paper hanger, Canada House, W. and R. Smith, dealers in dry goods & general hardware etc., C. H. Tennant, tender, Vulcan Foundry, Hartley and Ashley.

FROM OTHER EDITIONS

These are from the Chatham [illegible] of 50 or 60 years ago in 1917 on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of The Confederate, and are now very much more interesting than they especially as one of the writers Mr. Brown and Mr. Richards have passed over the Dark River.

[illegible] STREET

Third Letter

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The Confederate, 1867 to 1917

Winnipeg, March 20 '17

To the Editor of The Confederate

Rev. William Wye Smith retired Conservative senator and former editor of the [illegible] Toronto Mail, Independent and Monday Review, has in hand a Canadian History. He was a native of Cobourg, Ontario and published February 1917.

The above is one of a little story a contribution to your Historical Number was handed to me a few days after the starting of The Confederate. With my paper went to Craig Street and was introduced to Rev. Mr. Smith who very kindly interested himself to me. While talking of reading the business he had in hand the

...eventful guidance enlightened the whole printing etc. which was of serious value and assisted in building up the paper. His kindness was not limited so ... he [illegible] Times was a good newspaper and he [illegible] and work to...ned out by John Rutherford

H. ... [illegible]
First Foll ...Federate

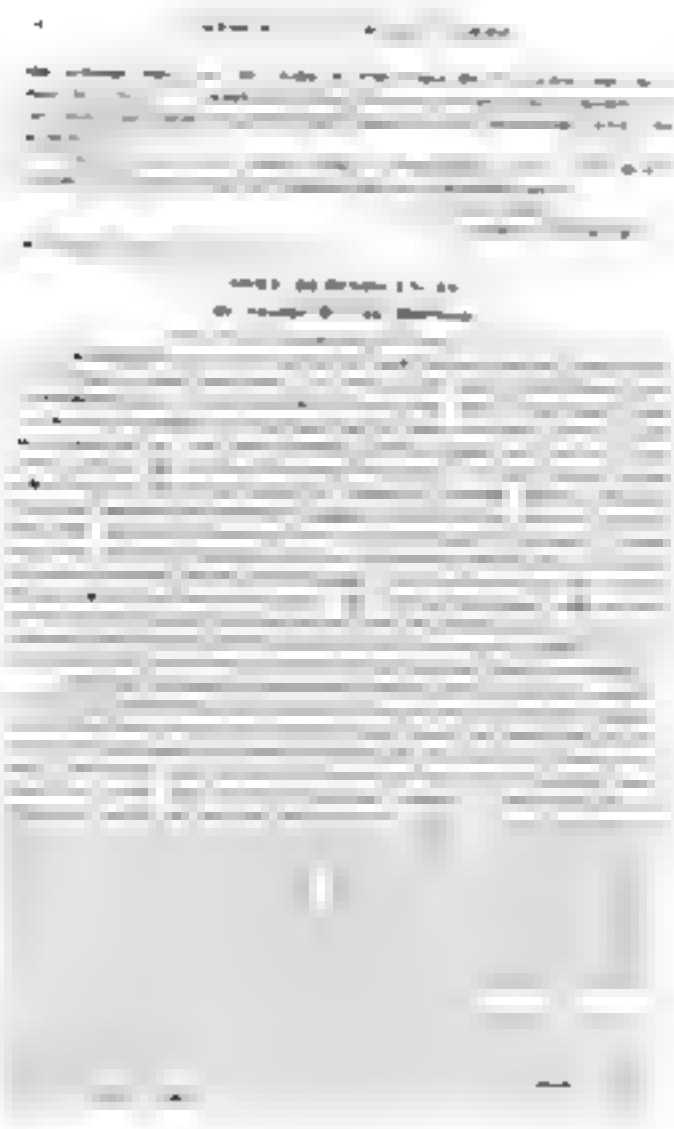
J. A. LAMBERT
...ll ... [illegible]...

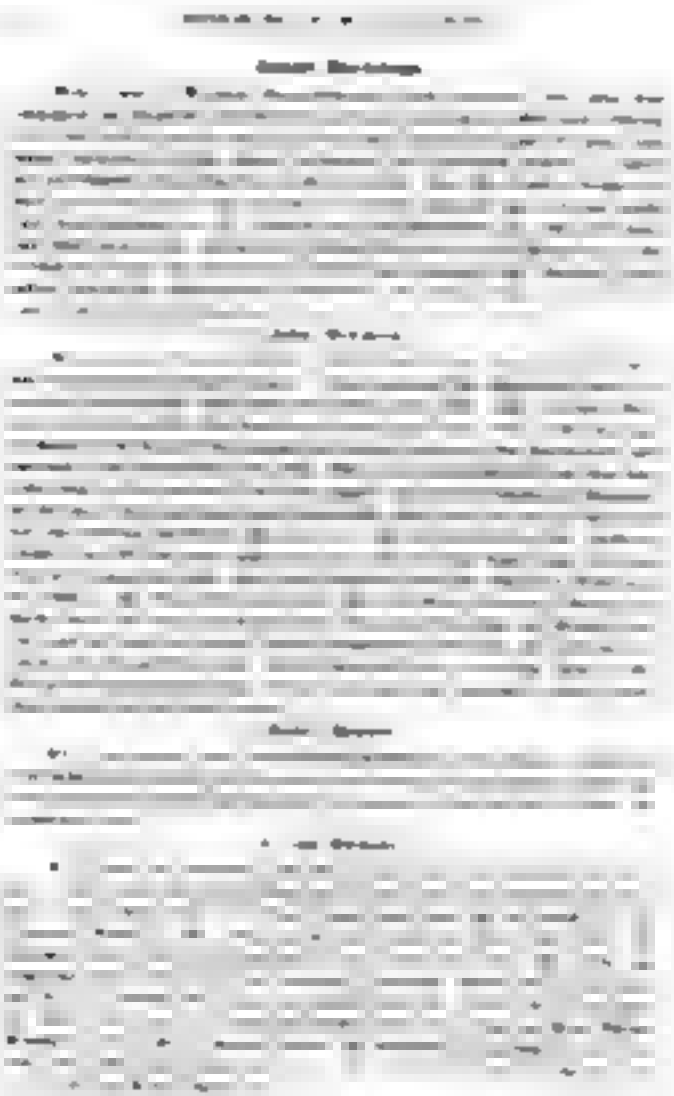
A. W. WRIGHT
Present Editor

...was the ... [illegible]

Your paper ... is [illegible] appreciation [illegible] Press's birthday. To look ahead fifty years as a ... [illegible] but on looking backward ... [illegible] appears ... Many changes have ... [illegible] during that period. At this time ... talk shop ... may be pardoned.

As a ... [illegible] and ... [illegible] the present ... [illegible] Mrs. ... [illegible] of Illinois Fairest, who in the early days assisted in work in connection with ... [illegible] Confederate kindly made one of ... [illegible] type [illegible] with ... [illegible] flag or other [illegible] In ... [illegible] full of ... [illegible] with [illegible] but ... [illegible] for which it was to be used, was unknown to [illegible]. The cake was forwarded to Winnipeg and ... [illegible] a sports knife fitted up in golden style being used in the cutting. ... was my pleasure to ... [illegible] the knife into ... [illegible]





000 Luther $14,000 Certain stipulations as to location were usually appended to these resolutions. The railway arrived four years later

There is an instalment of a continued story and a selection of poetry is given The Wearing of the Grey which was popular at the time and is still interesting as indicating a certain attitude manifested by the defeated South after the American Civil War recently over We quote the first and last stanzas:

Oh, have you heard the royal news Alas it is too true
Upon the Appomattox river went our pride of blue—
Our armies have surrendered we bow to Northern sway
And forever more forbidden is the wearing of the grey

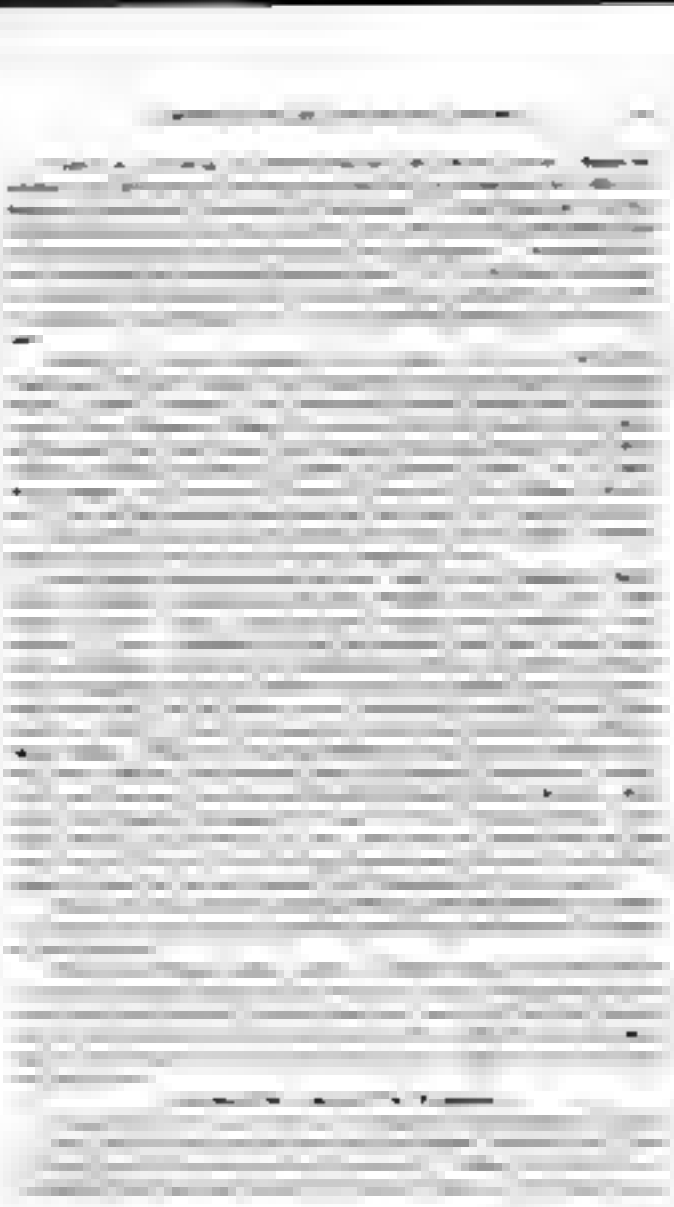
But a day may yet be coming, boys, in future rolling years,
Which may bring revenge and wrongs, may wipe away our tears;
When the gates river shall drop again, we state to pass away
And the token of our victory be the wearing of the grey

That day has not yet arrived and is not likely to arrive.

K. M. BLACKBURN
Foreman of The Confederate

As an index of the activities of what had quickly grown up to be a busy village the advertisements are interesting.

There are business cards of The Examiner Job Printing Establishment [illegible] Kennedy's Law Office [illegible] Wilson, Notary Public [illegible] Murphy [illegible] John McFadyen [illegible] Law Dr Dunlop [illegible] [illegible] Physician A H Mill [illegible] F Murphy Provincial [illegible] Marriage licenses T J [illegible] issued by the county of Wellington Kirkland Grey et Company Hotel Owen Sound James [illegible] Esquire, lately [illegible] by James Speight Queen's [illegible] Arthur Hugh Wilson, Provincial Land Surveyor, etc Wm J Whitelaw Provincial and Dominion Land Surveyor, etc Mrs [illegible] Miss P O Address Clifford Fred Taylor Quebec and and General Agent



near each store. Henry Jeffery has for sale Ale at 5c per quart by the quarter cask Whiskey at 40c per gallon by the barrel 45c per gallon by the less gallon Milk 4c per quart Wm. P Welton advertises his name Isaac Ireland makes pumps Wm Lambert Minto, has a wool factory R. J Dale opposite Dr Clarke's, has an advertisement dated May 1 1854 The Fenian Raid alarm was on and the Mount Forest Company had left the week or two before and were in camp at London

THE MOUNT FOREST POST OFFICE

Erected in 1912

Whose obliging Postmasters and staffs have been of great value while gathering in getting the Mount Forest newspapers mailed to their subscribers

T O Smith Postmaster 1903 to 1926

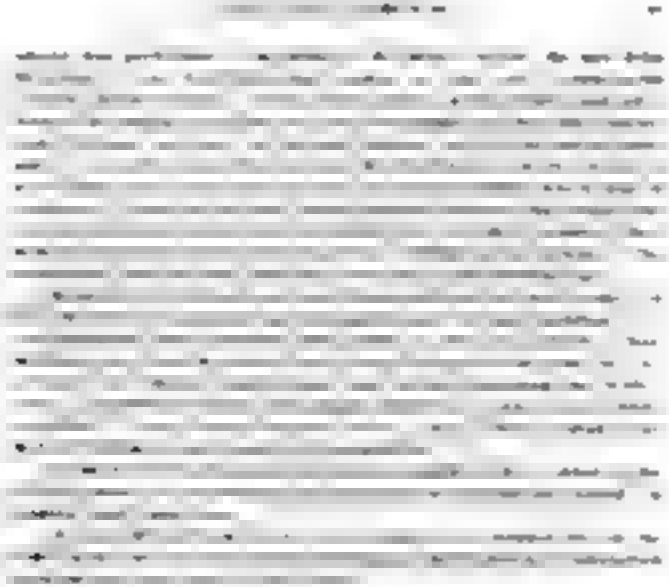
Miss Mabel Smith Postmistress 1926 to present

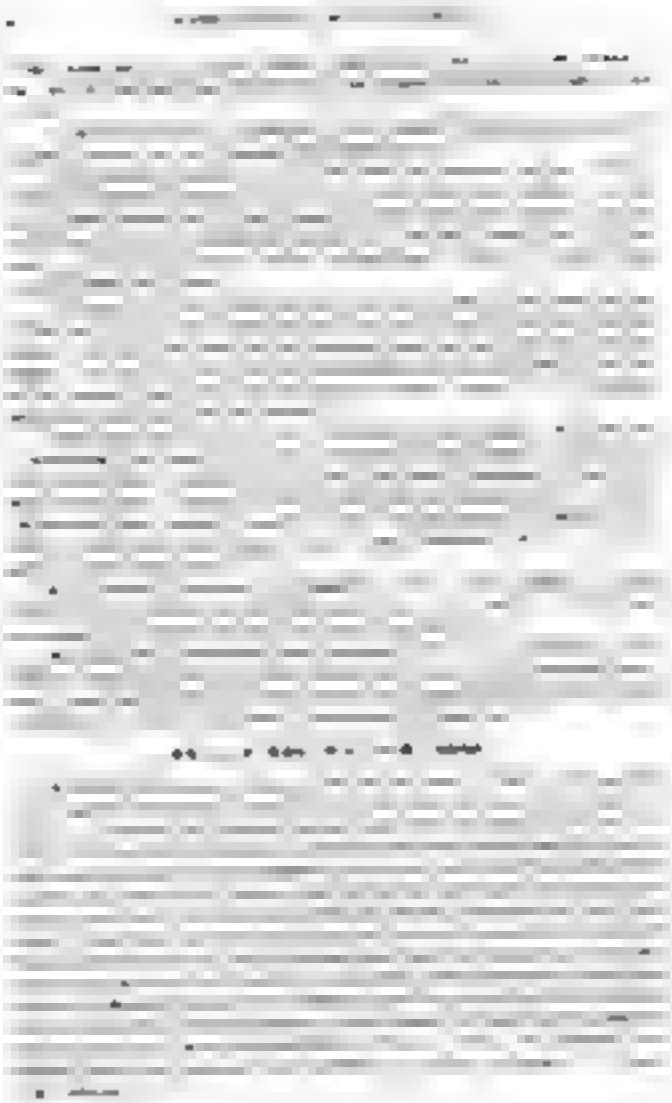
Gold and Diamonds

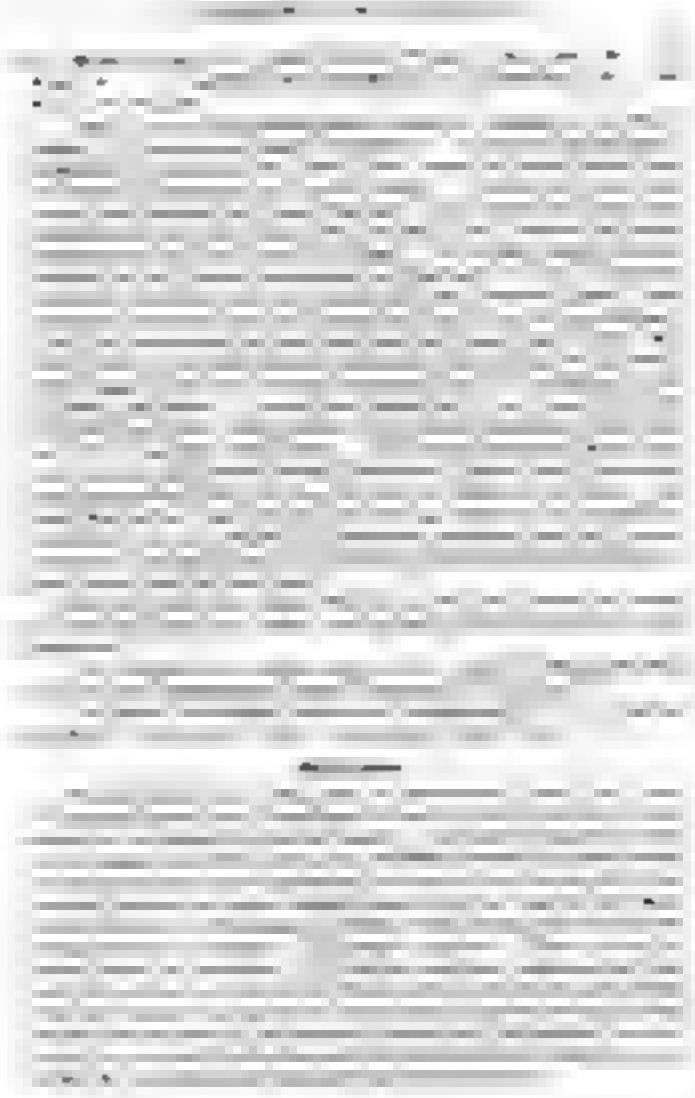
[illegible]

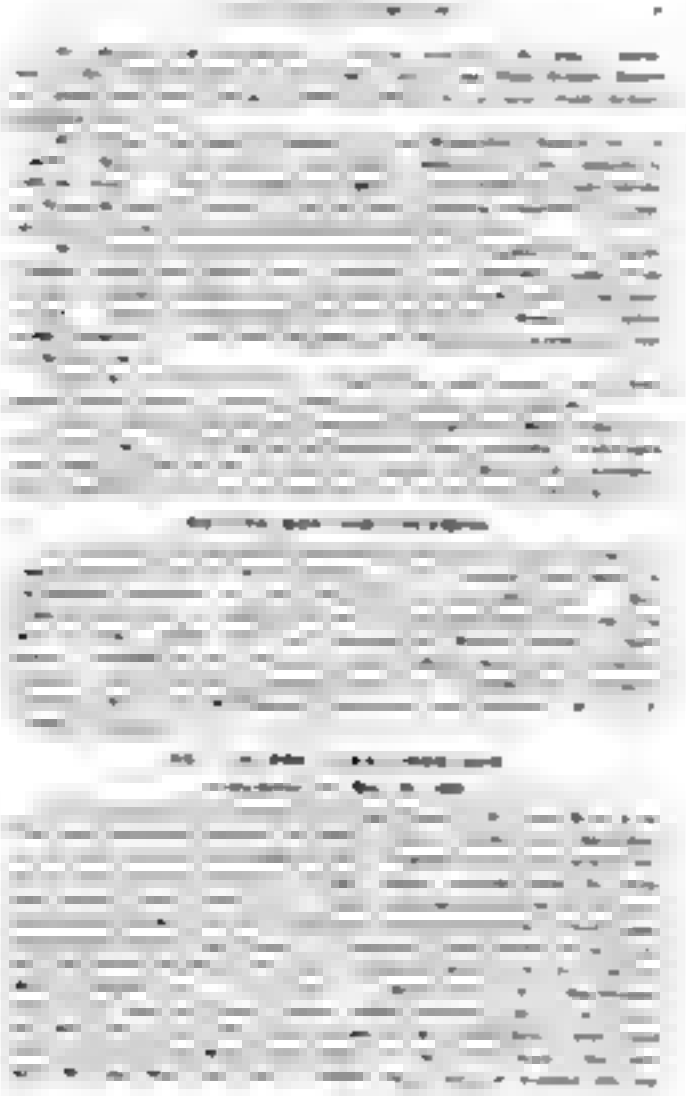
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Dean were at home to friends [illegible] on Sunday afternoon, June 10, celebrating the golden [illegible] anniversary of their wedding.

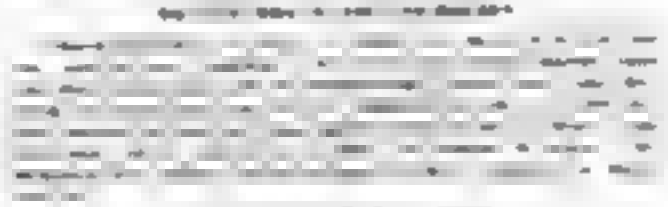
Fifty years ago Mr. John A. Dean and Miss Caroline M. Wilson were united in the bonds of matrimony by the Rev. Joseph H. Johnson. A short time after Mrs. Dean removed to Tipville where her parents had [illegible] which they settled in Mount Forest. Mr. Dean was born in Derby on Sherbrooke Township and Mrs. Dean in Drayton.







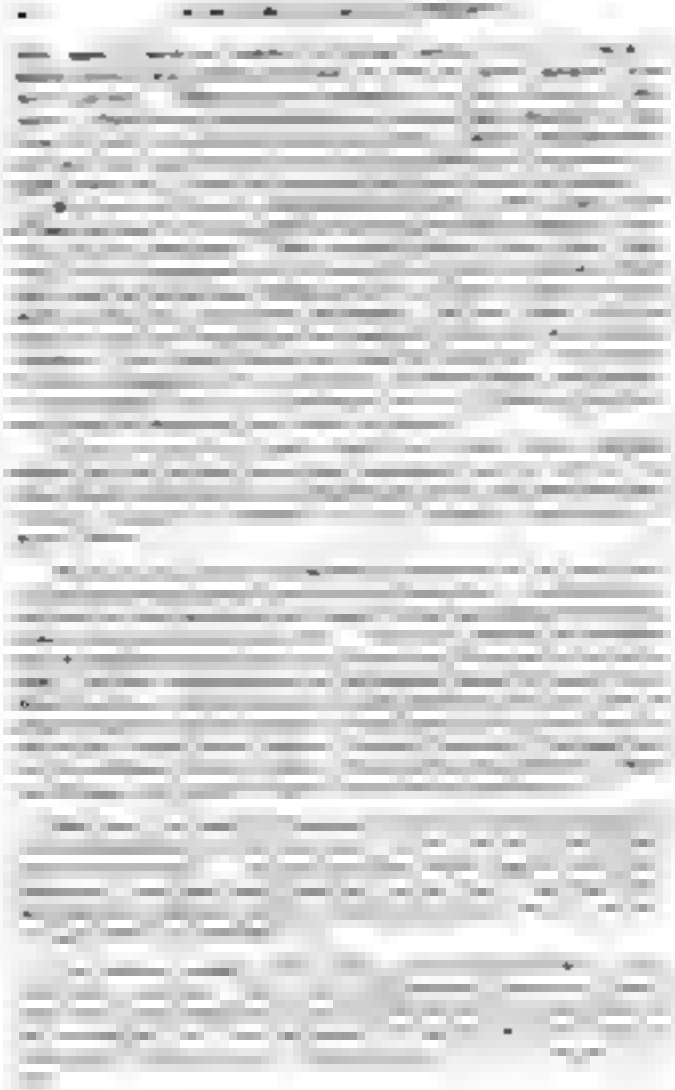


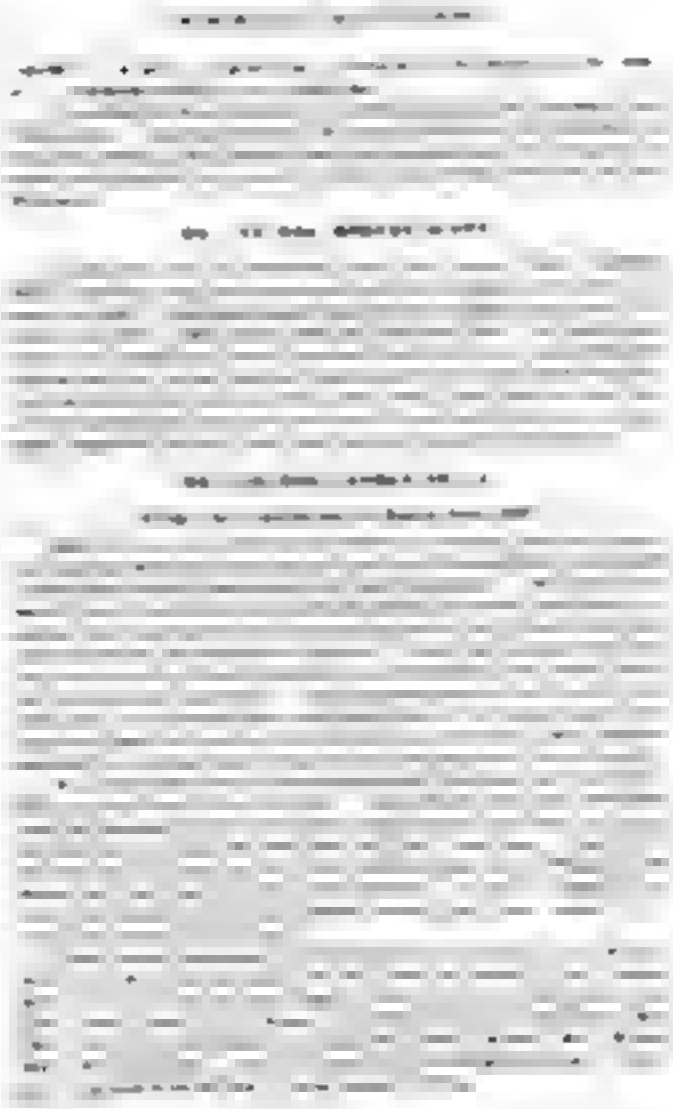


A wedding repast was enjoyed including wedding cake. The tables were appropriately decked with white and golden roses. Addresses of felicitation were delivered by Rev. Mr Percy Mr Tyerman and Mr Gross. Tokens of remembrance in the form of gold coins, jewelry and chinaware were presented.

Many friends here and elsewhere unite in congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happy wedded life together.

MR AND MRS. THOMAS NORRIS





source in the famous Woodland Springs— a bit of water such as Tennyson made to sing, 'Men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever.' Not only is the babbling brook an opportune asset, but a source of pleasure as, to Mr. Wallace has utilized it to provide a splendid trout pond, on whose well stocked water he and the members of his family spend many a delightful hour in emphasis of the art of fish Walton.

At the golden wedding all the children were present as well as the following relatives and friends: Mrs. Robert McBride, Mrs. Wm. Patterson, Mr. Frank McBride, Mr. George McBride, Mrs. Louise McEachern, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Packover, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. John T. McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dillon, Dr. and Mrs. Jones, Dr. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Jamieson, Rev. and Mrs. Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer and Miss Kate Harris. A bountiful supper was served in the spacious dining room to which all did ample justice. The gathering was brought to an end by the invocation of the Divine blessing and the singing of 'God be with you till we meet again,' after which the guests took their departure with sincere wishes to their host and hostess for many more days of happy wedded life.

NOTE- Mrs. Wallace died on April 30, 1930. Mr. Wallace married Miss Alice Louise Hills on Nov. 4th, 1935, and they are living retired in Mount Forest.

For Canada and The Empire

For Canada and The Empire

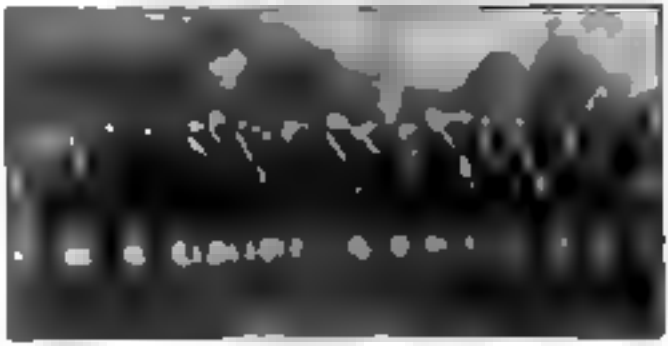
MOUNT FOREST BOYS IN THE BOER WAR

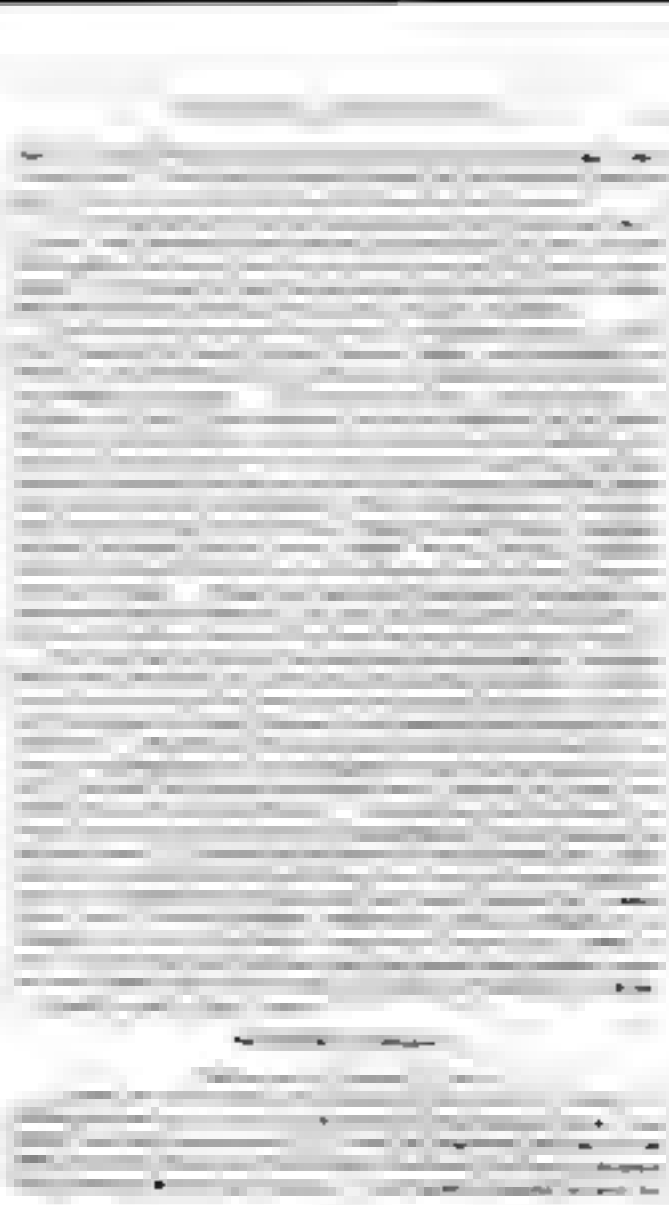
Sergeant F. W. Campbell Private J. H. Corley

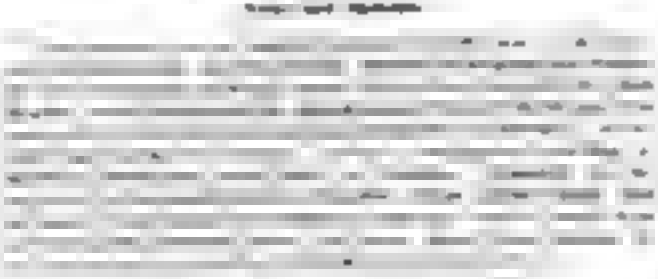
Trooper Frank Gill

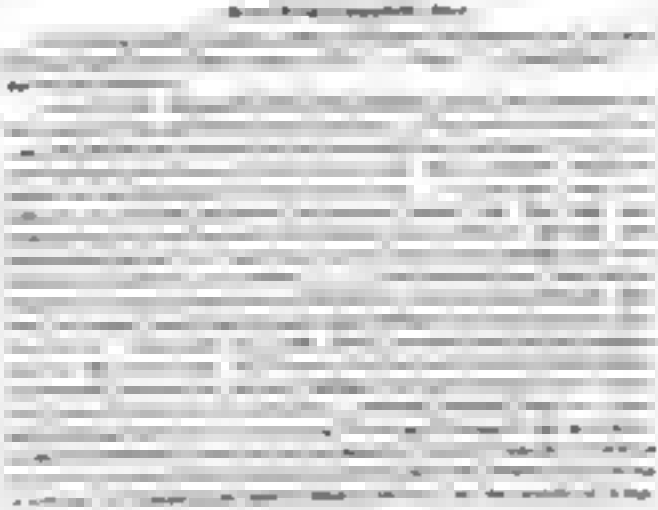
(From The Confederate of March 8 1900)

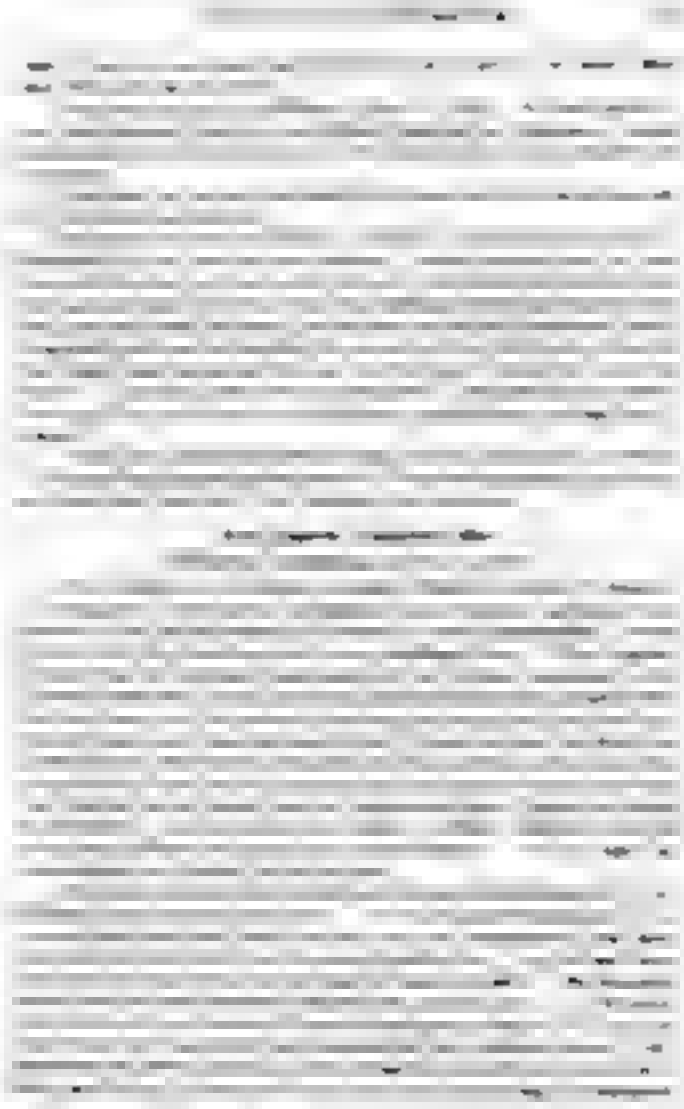
Captain James B. Corley is a son of Mr. John Corley. When he enlisted for South Africa he was serving as a drug clerk in Toronto, and not quite eighteen years of age. He was severely wounded in South Africa, and was later in a London hospital with fever. After his return he entered the Dominion postal service. After a period as railway mail clerk he received promotion to an inspectorship, with headquarters at Calgary where he enlisted for the Great War in which he had a captaincy. He was wounded twice. Since his return he has occupied important positions in the Postal Service in British Columbia and Alberta.











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Martin Donald private
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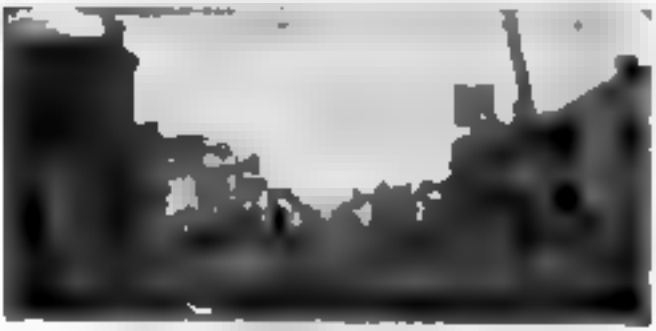

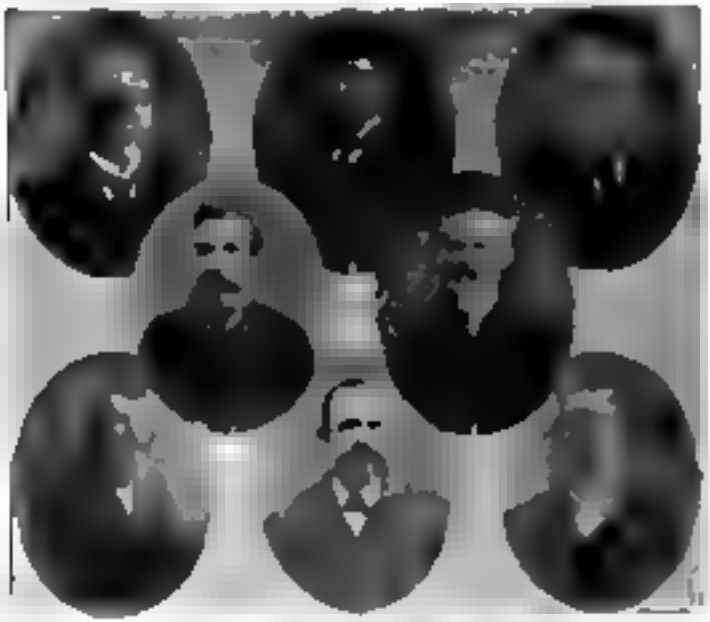

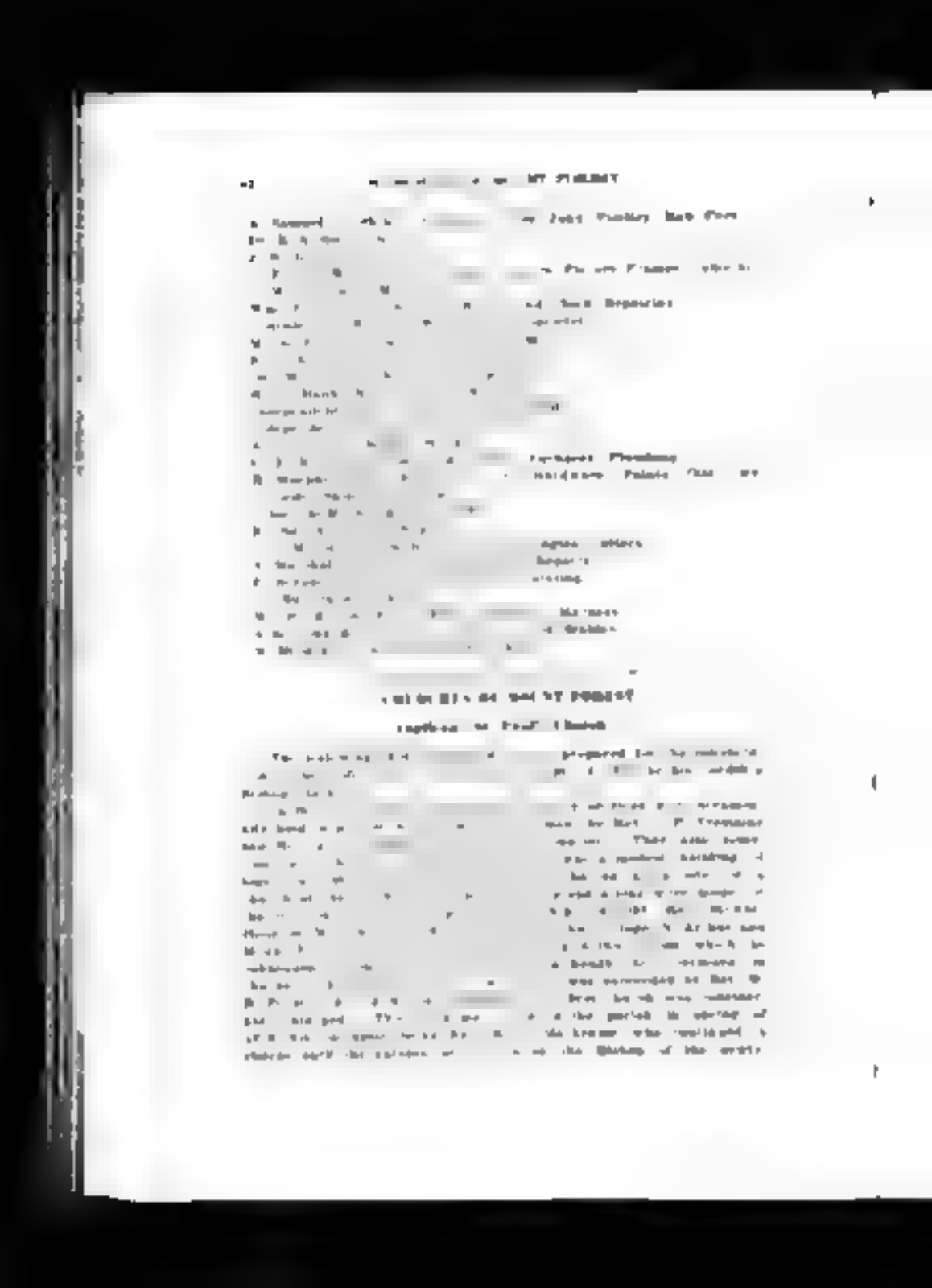

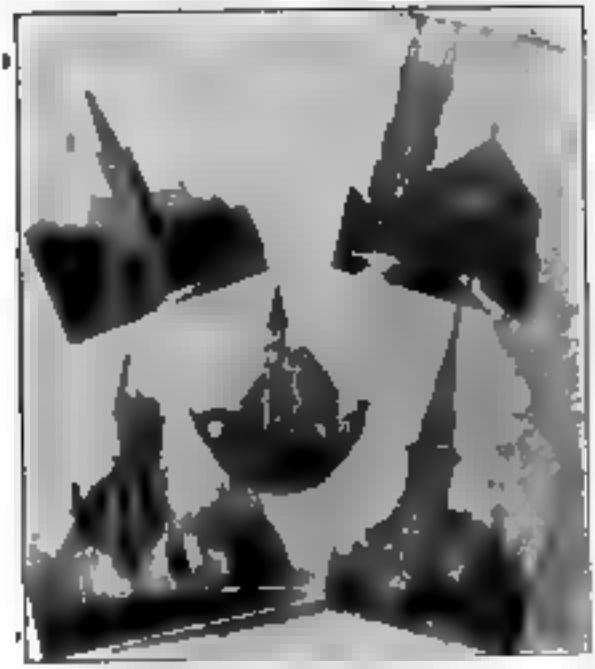

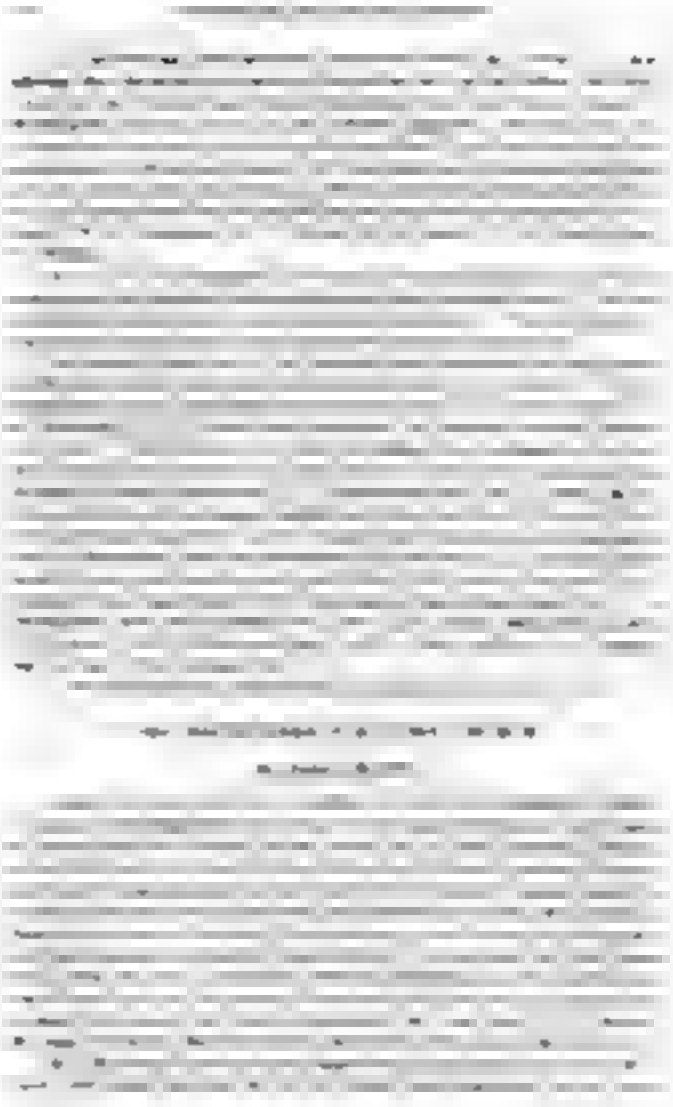

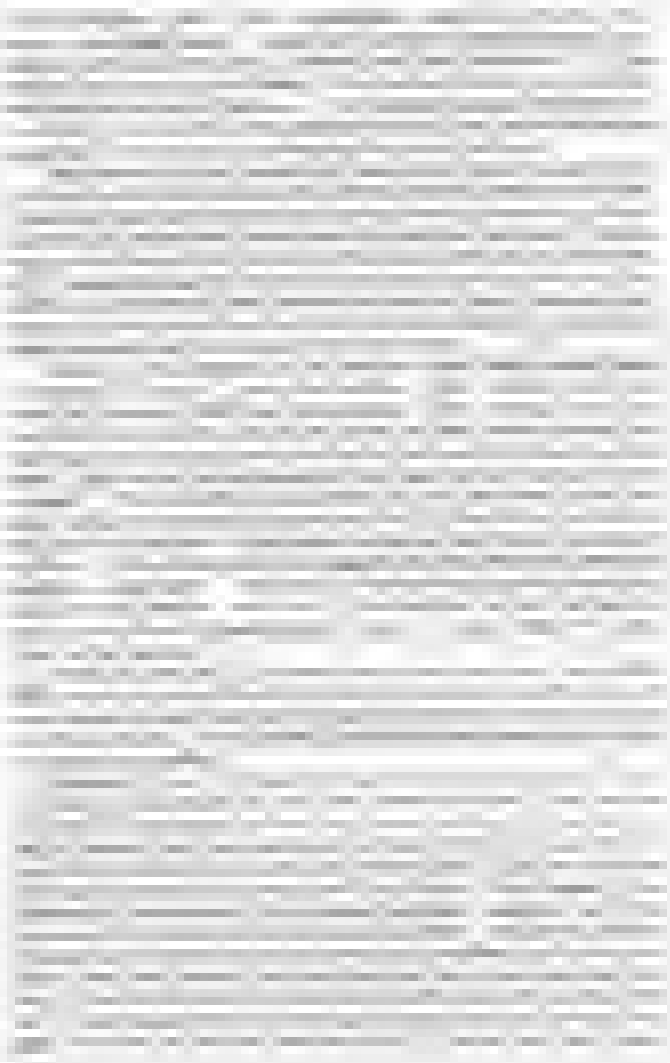

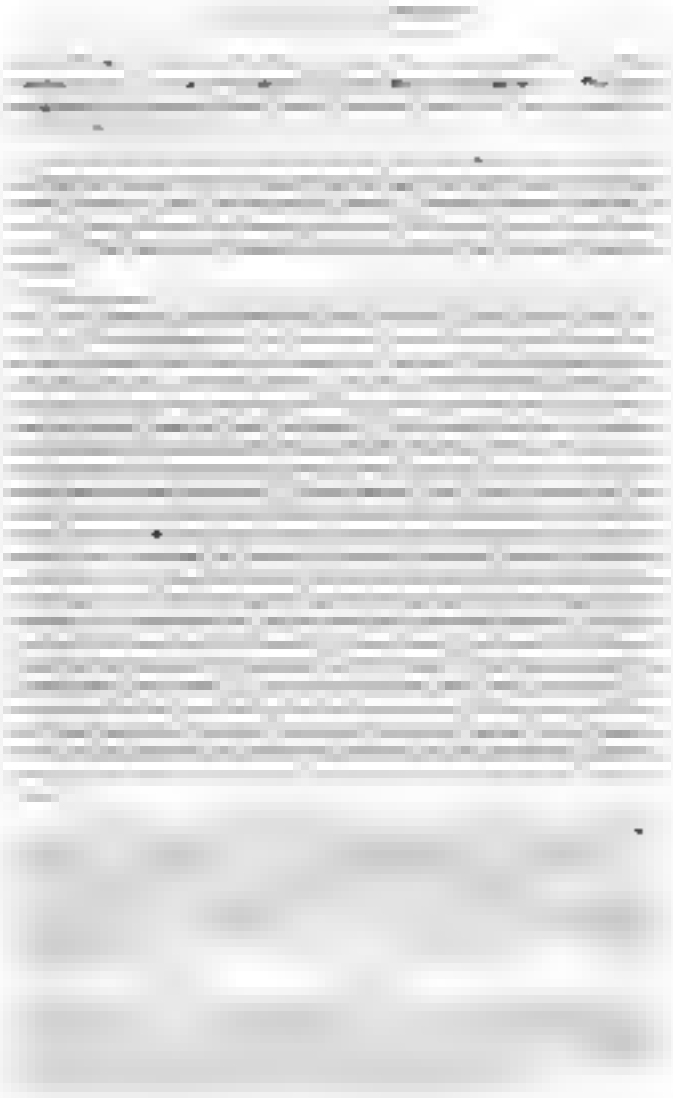

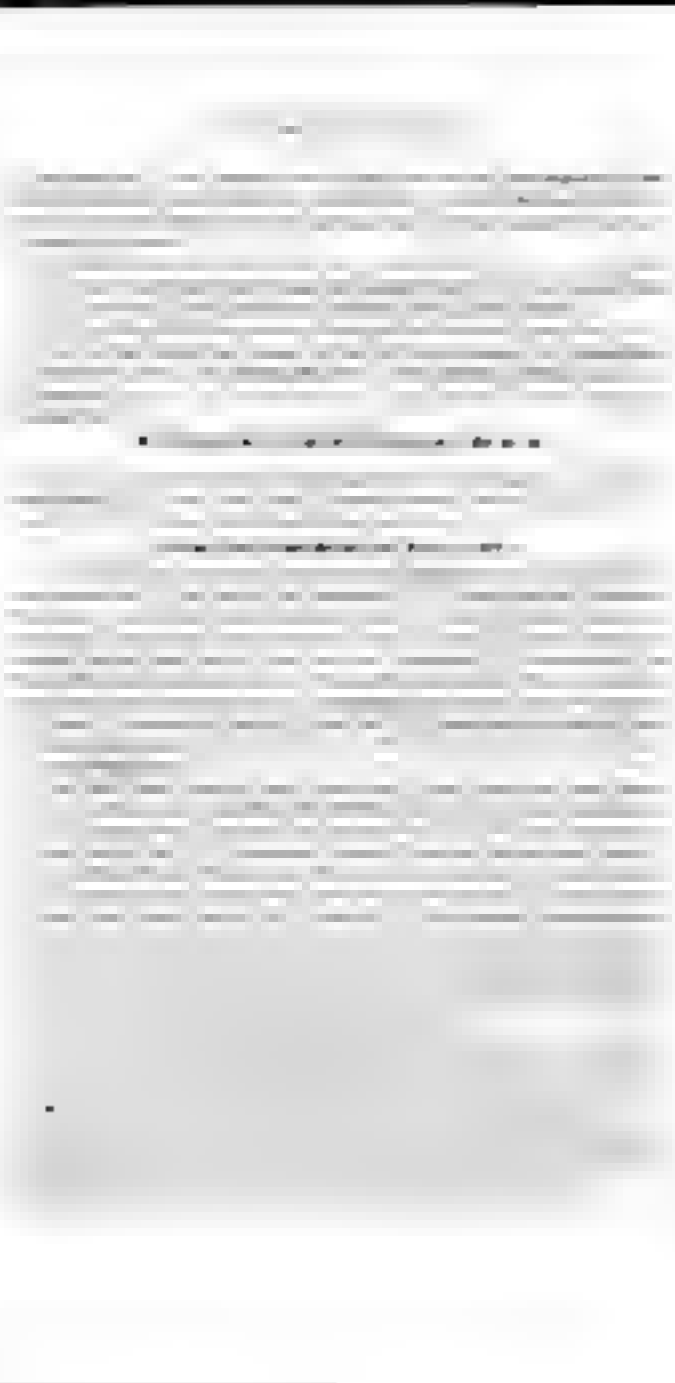

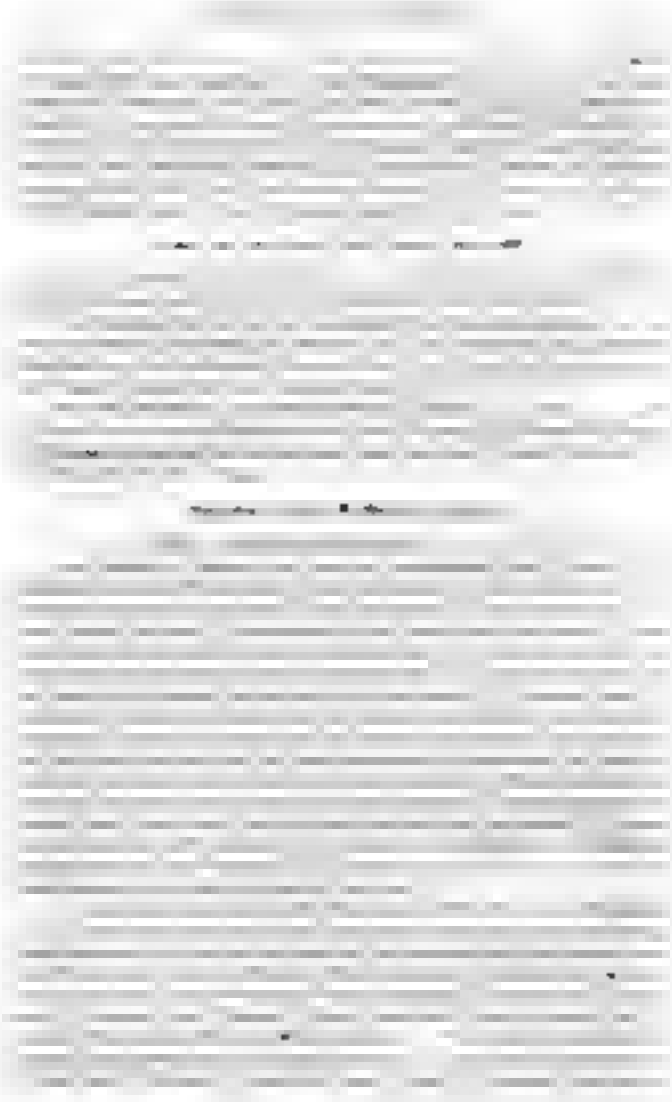

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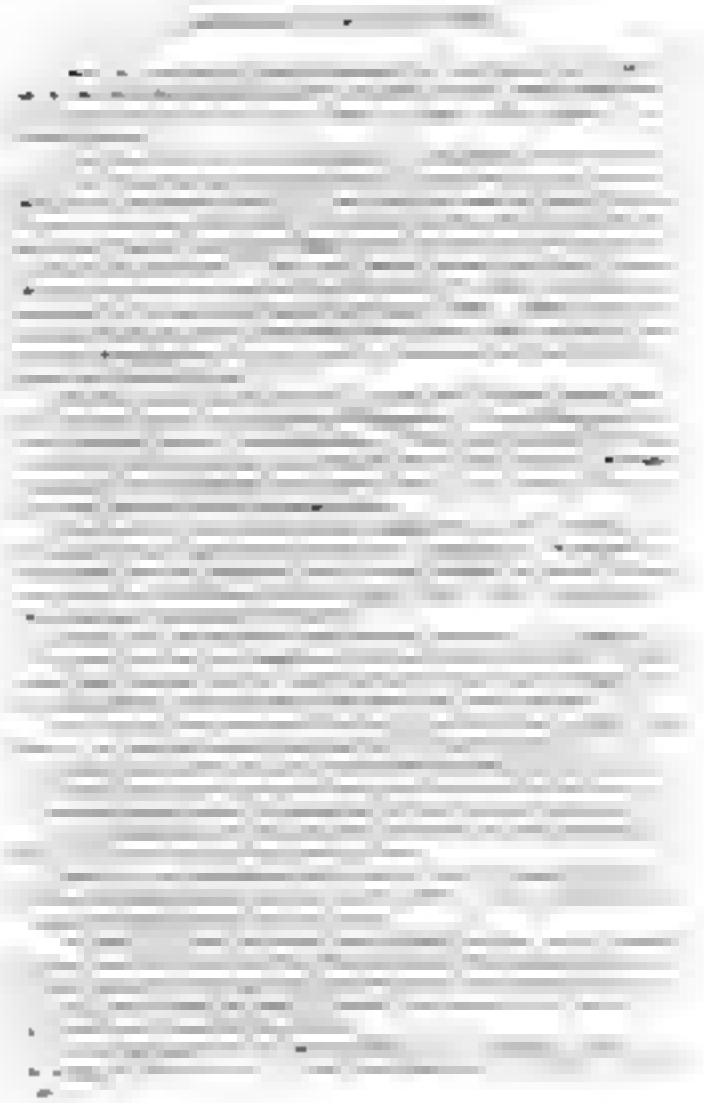

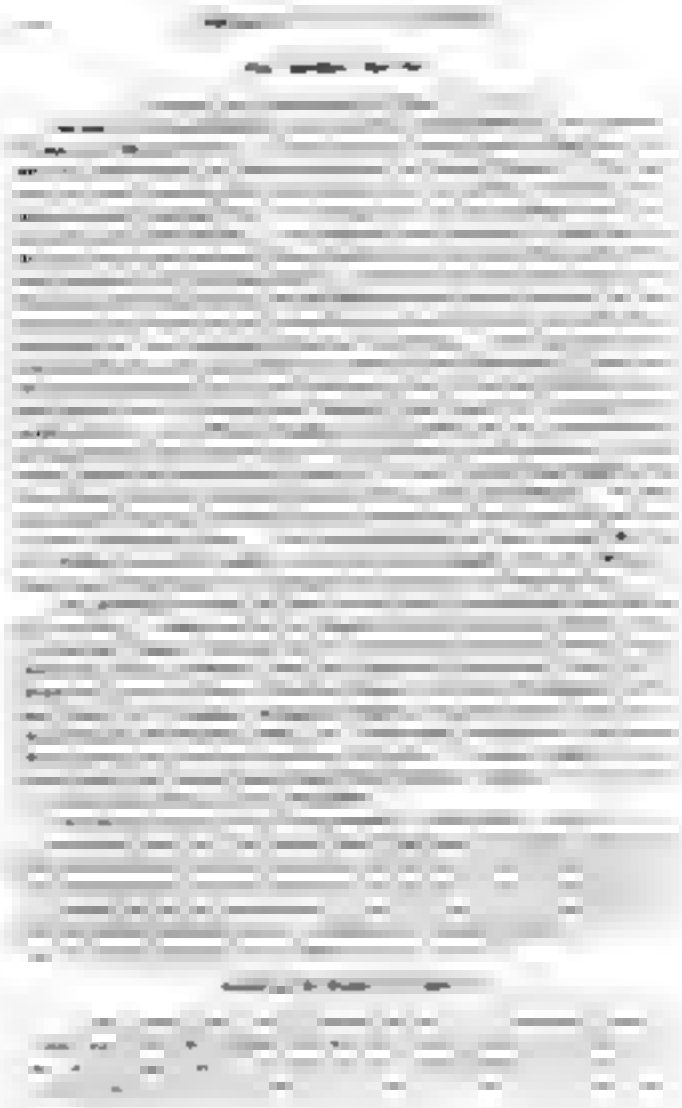

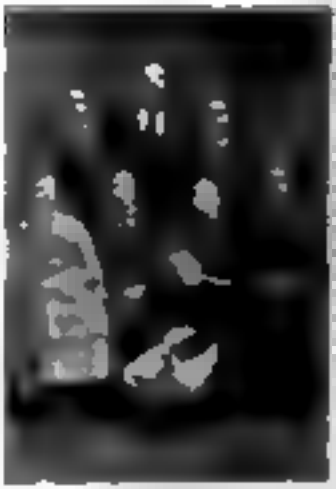

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In the Fall of 1907 after the Jubilee the Rev W G Jordan accepted a call to the work of the Lord's Day Alliance In the following May the Rev William Cooper of Port Perry was inducted as pastor and remained until March 1911 to go to Bermuda where he died on July 8th last He was succeeded here by the Rev Dr Donald A MacRae who was inducted on June 6th 1911 and is still minister

On September 23rd 1912 the Golden Jubilee of the erecting of the present church building was celebrated Special services were held on the Sabbath with Rev Dr Somerville preaching In the afternoon the Rev William Cooper discussed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper In the evening the Rev W Patterson preached A supper was served on Monday evening followed by a musical program and addresses by the Rev Dr MacRae Rev G W Conners Rev James Bennett Rev Wm Cooper Rev P M McEachern Rev F W Richardson Rev A F Carter Abel Bowers R A Daly Wm W Smith and David Anderson Among those assisting with the music were Mr and Mrs A E Gilmour Messrs F Nicholson J A Robertson Jas Nicholson J R Ireland F C McArthur Wells Cochrane Jas Scott

ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

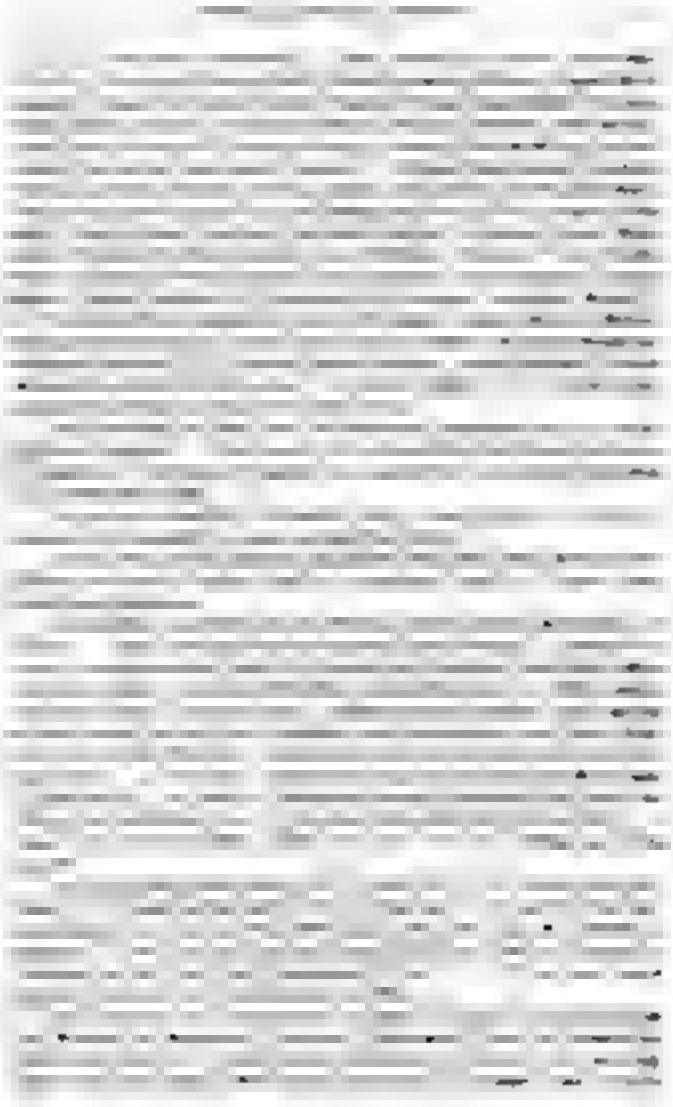
This congregation formed by amalgamation in the year of 1925 has been worshipping in the Public Library building during the year when Rev W Cooper Sterrett was inducted on a settlement minister in conjunction with the Presbyterian congregation of this

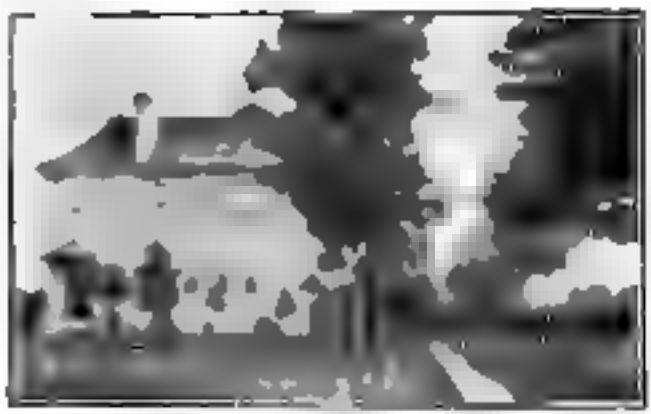
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

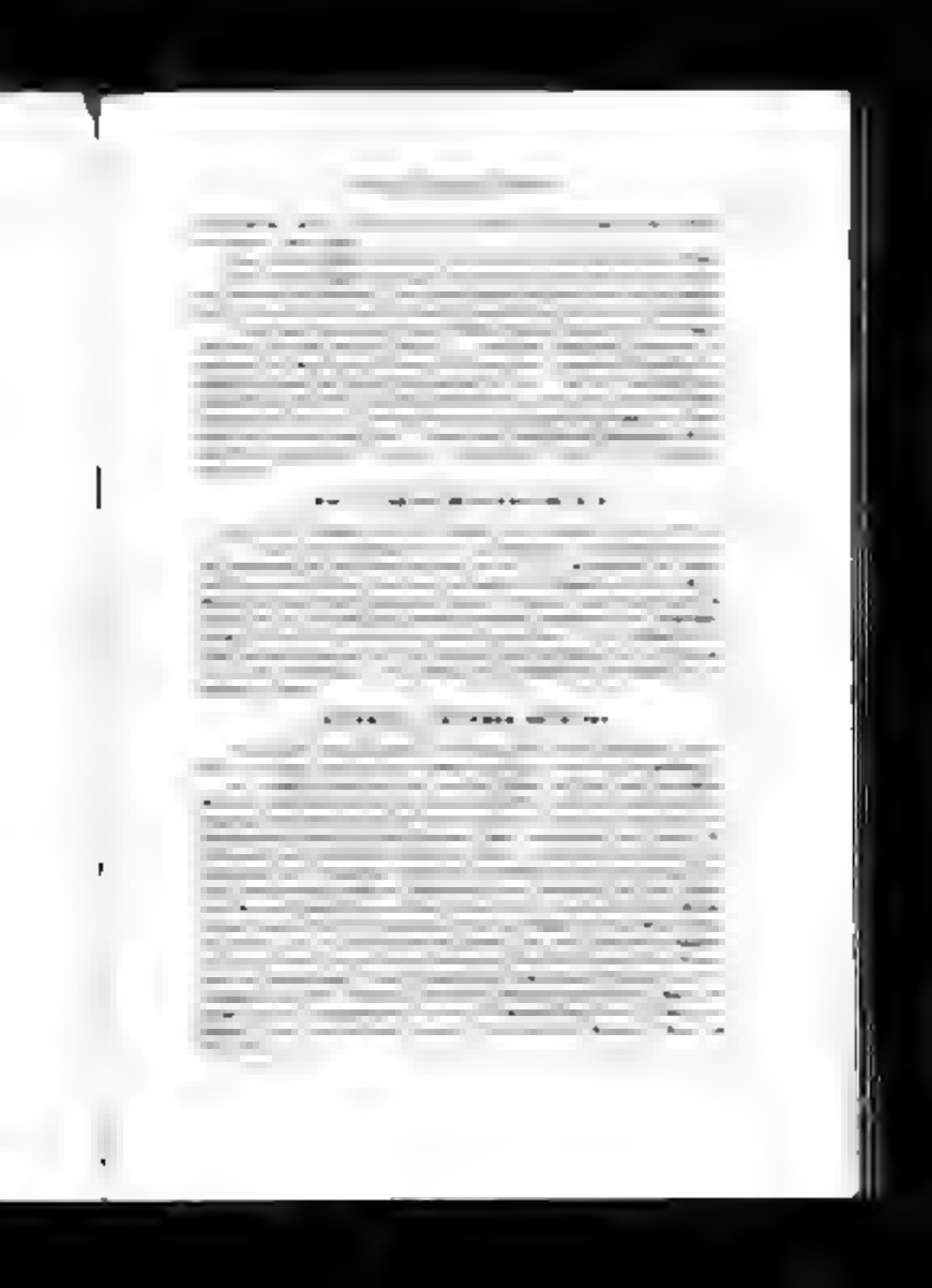
This church which has been established in a number of years with a membership has a pastor and worship on Sunday in Shiloh Hall by pastor Rev Wallace Clarke

THE SALVATION ARMY

An organization and a church here over forty years ago but its operations were suspended until a few years ago when it began work again and has continued under a number of officers Last year the hall on Main Street was purchased







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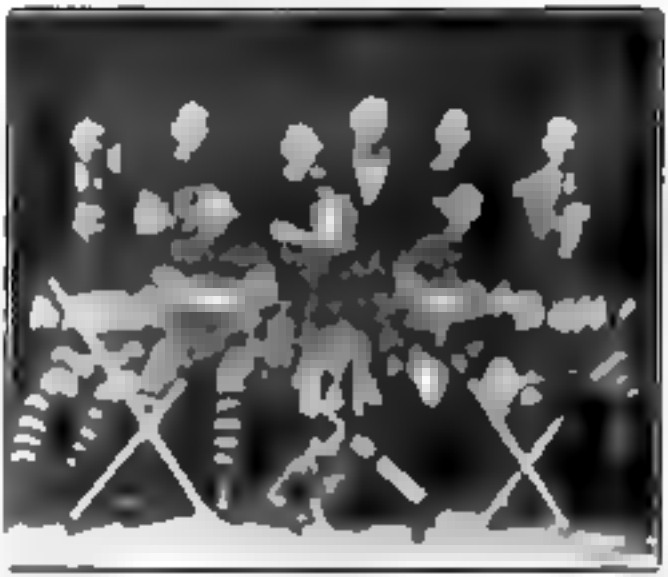

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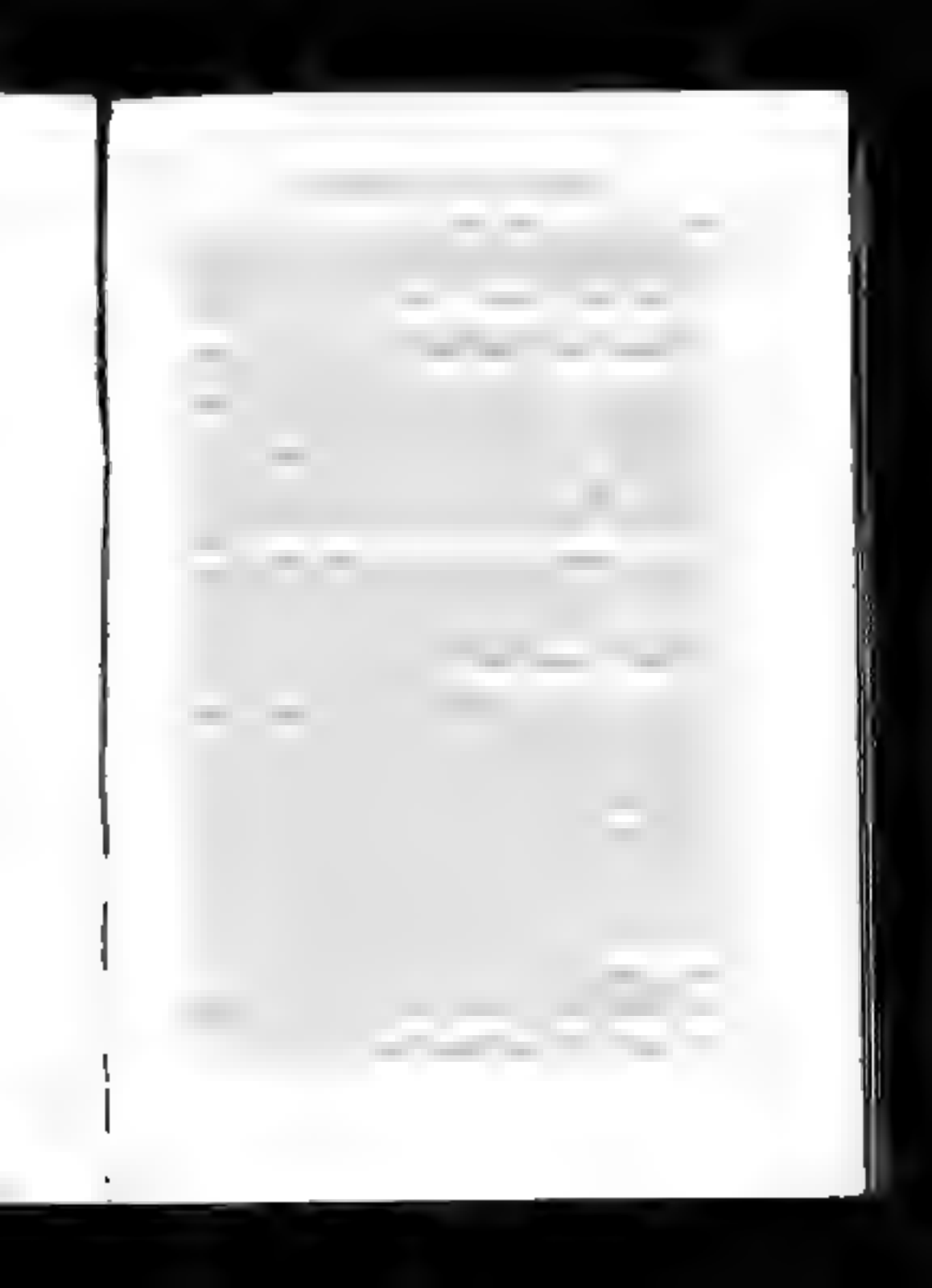

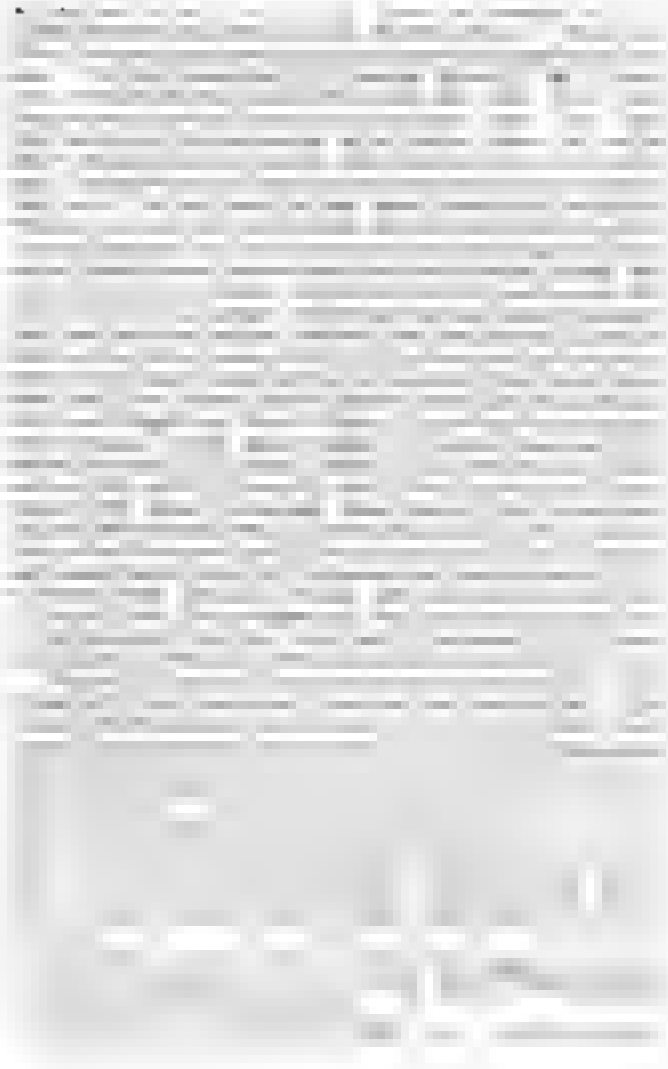

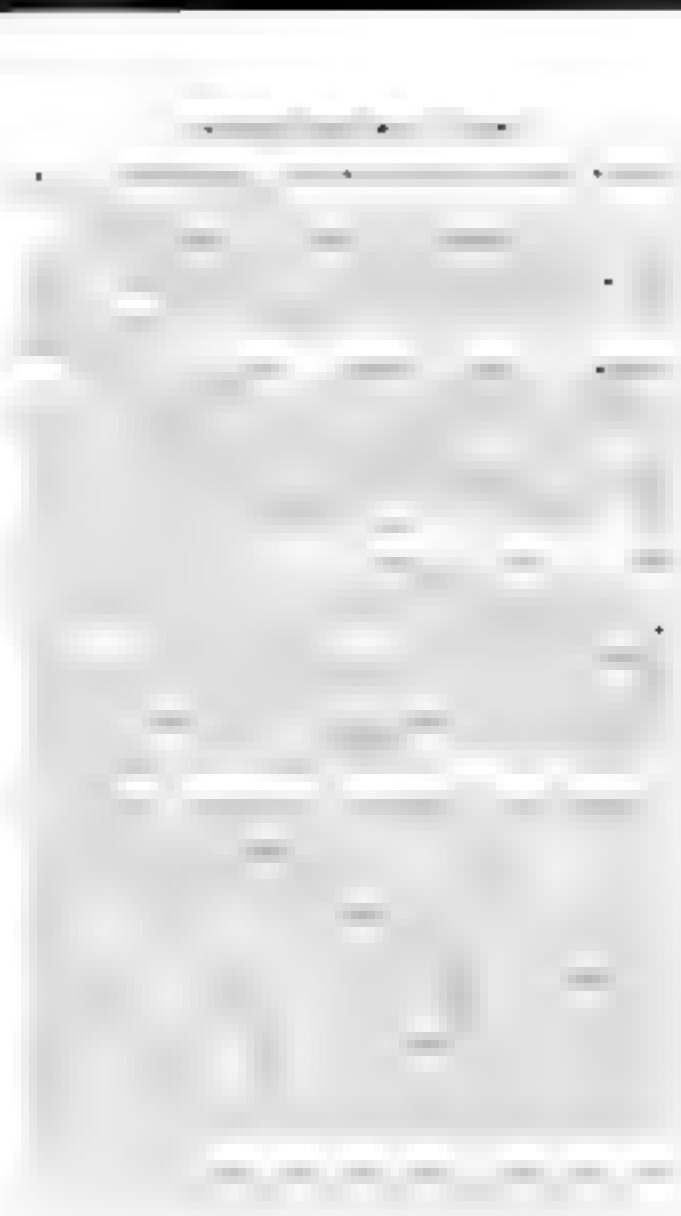

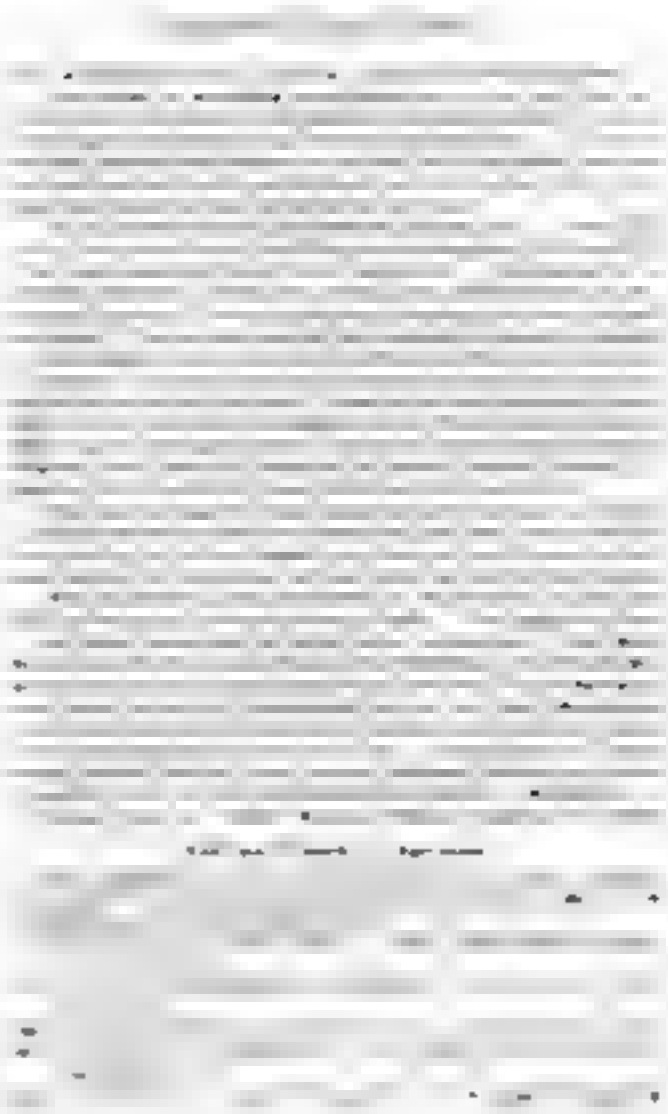

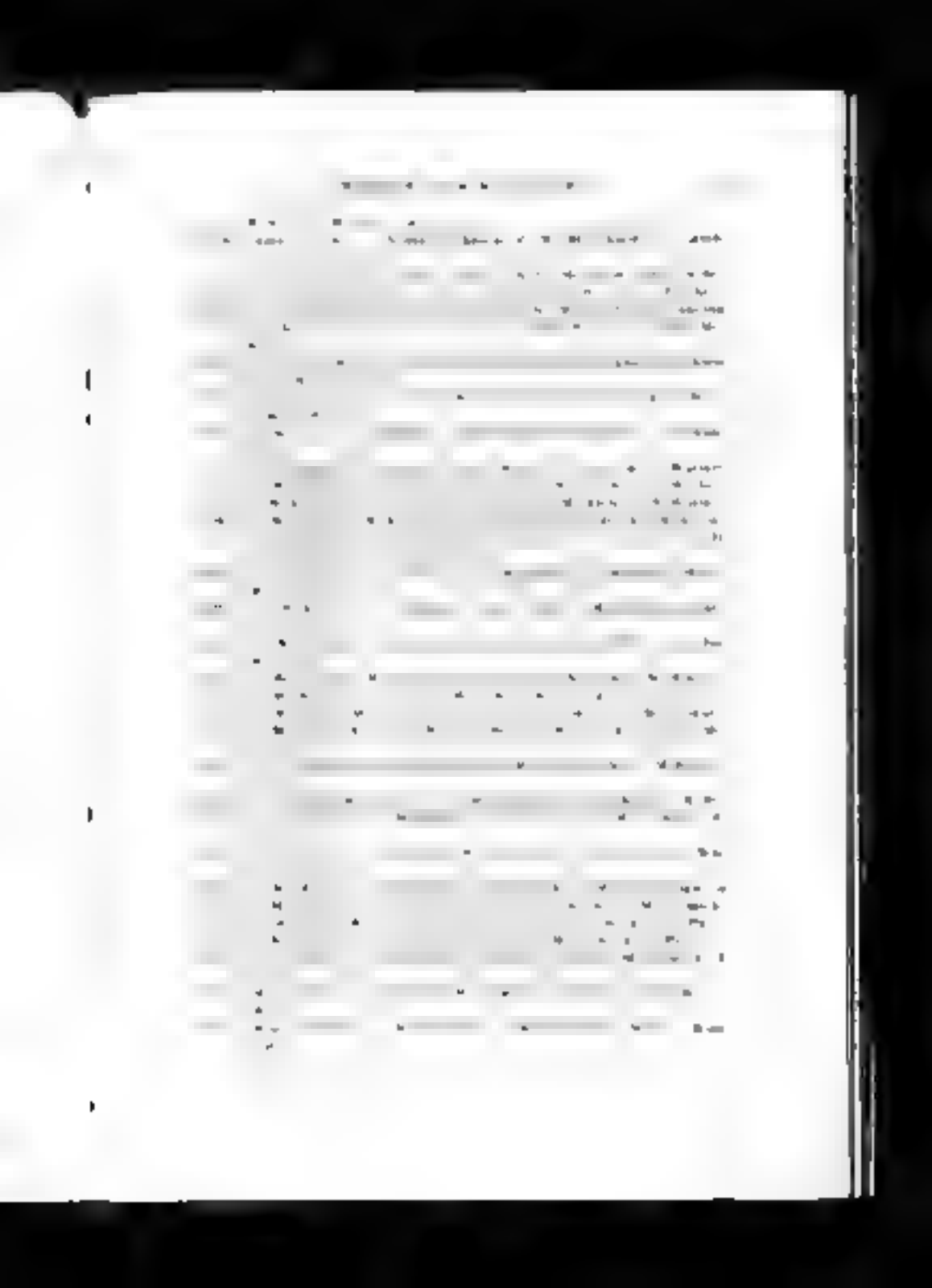

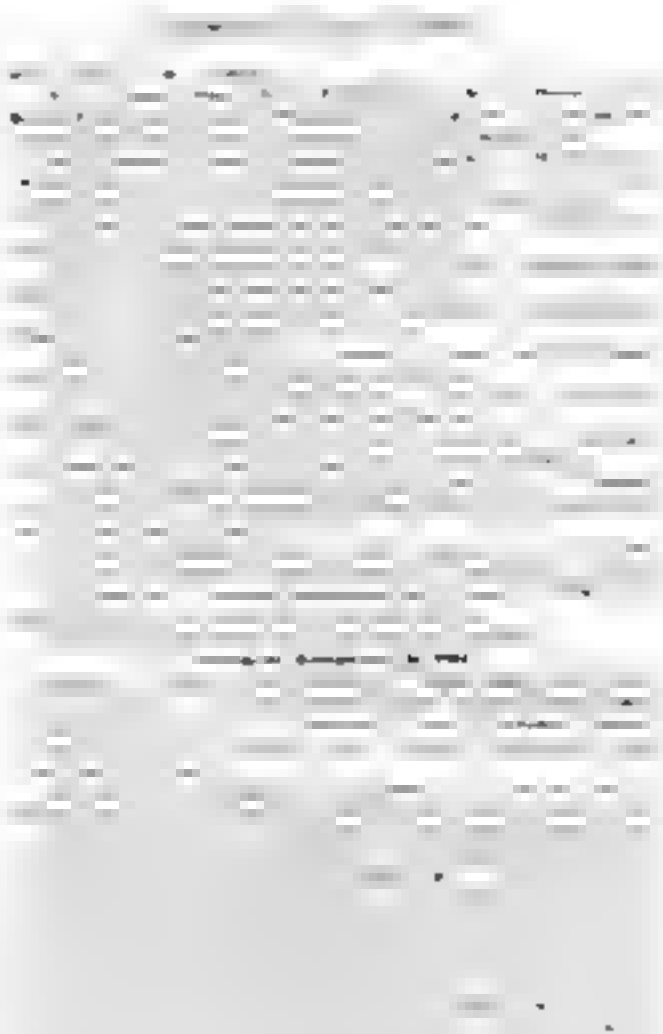

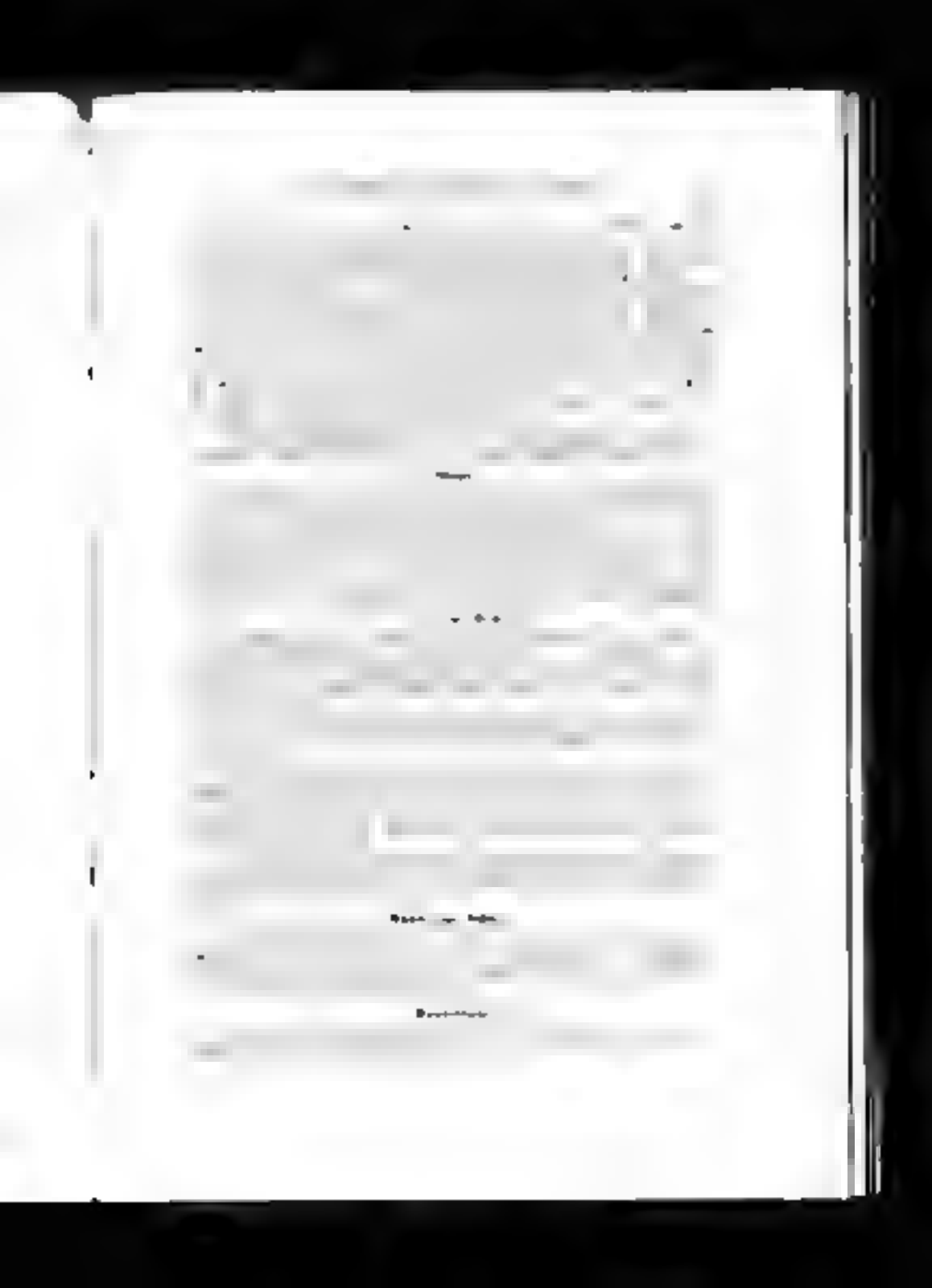

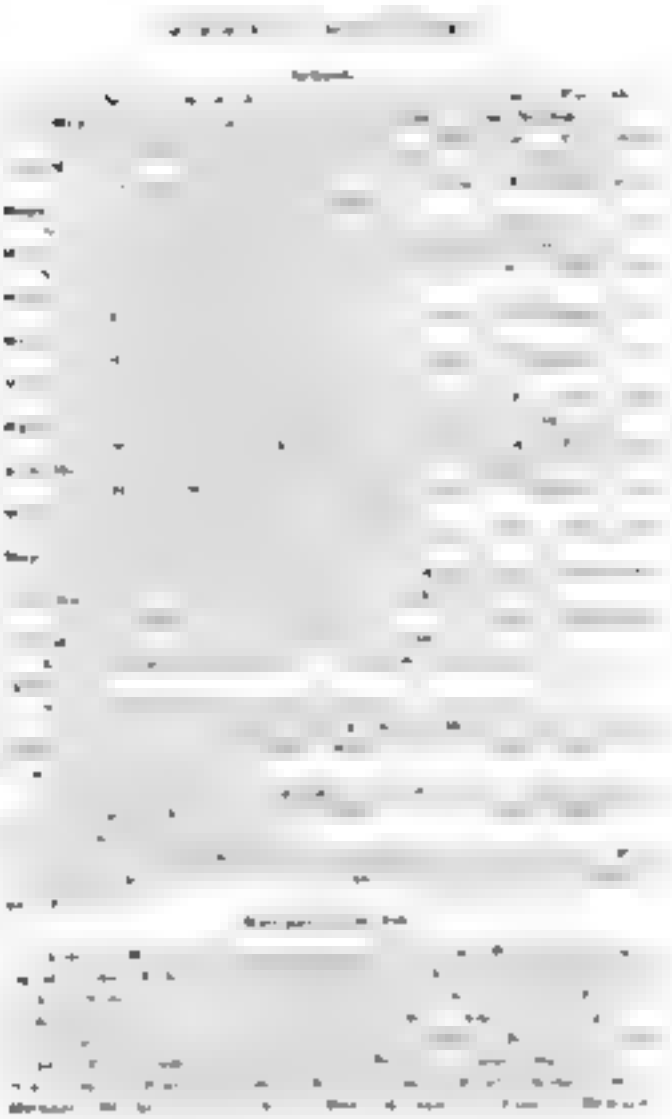

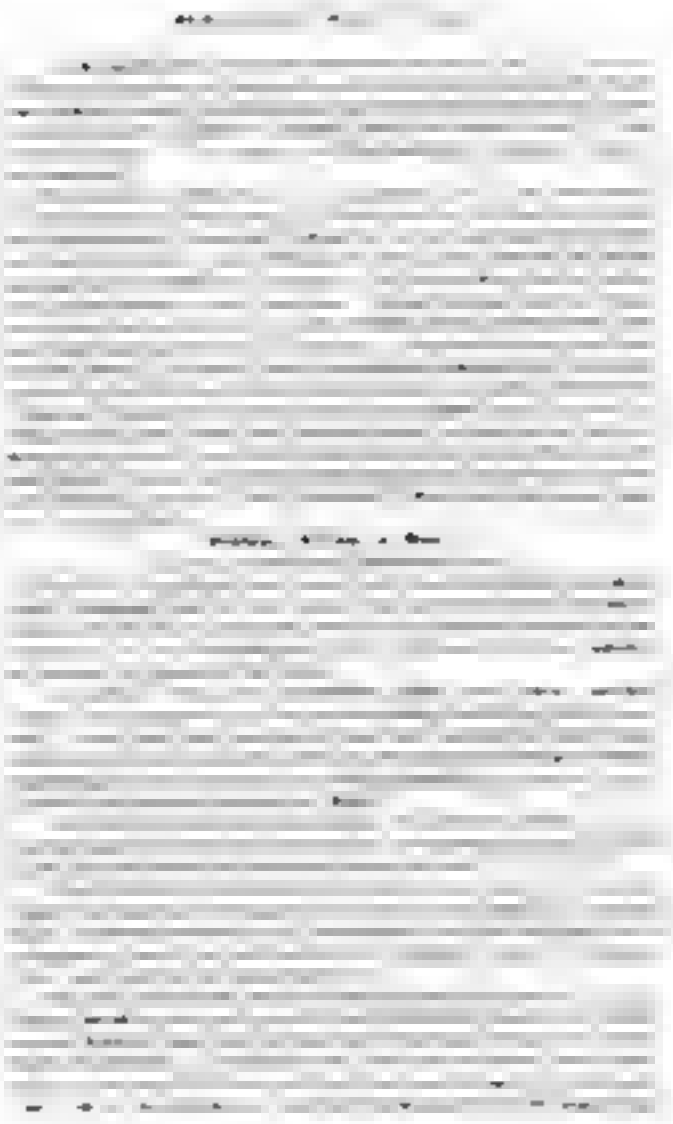

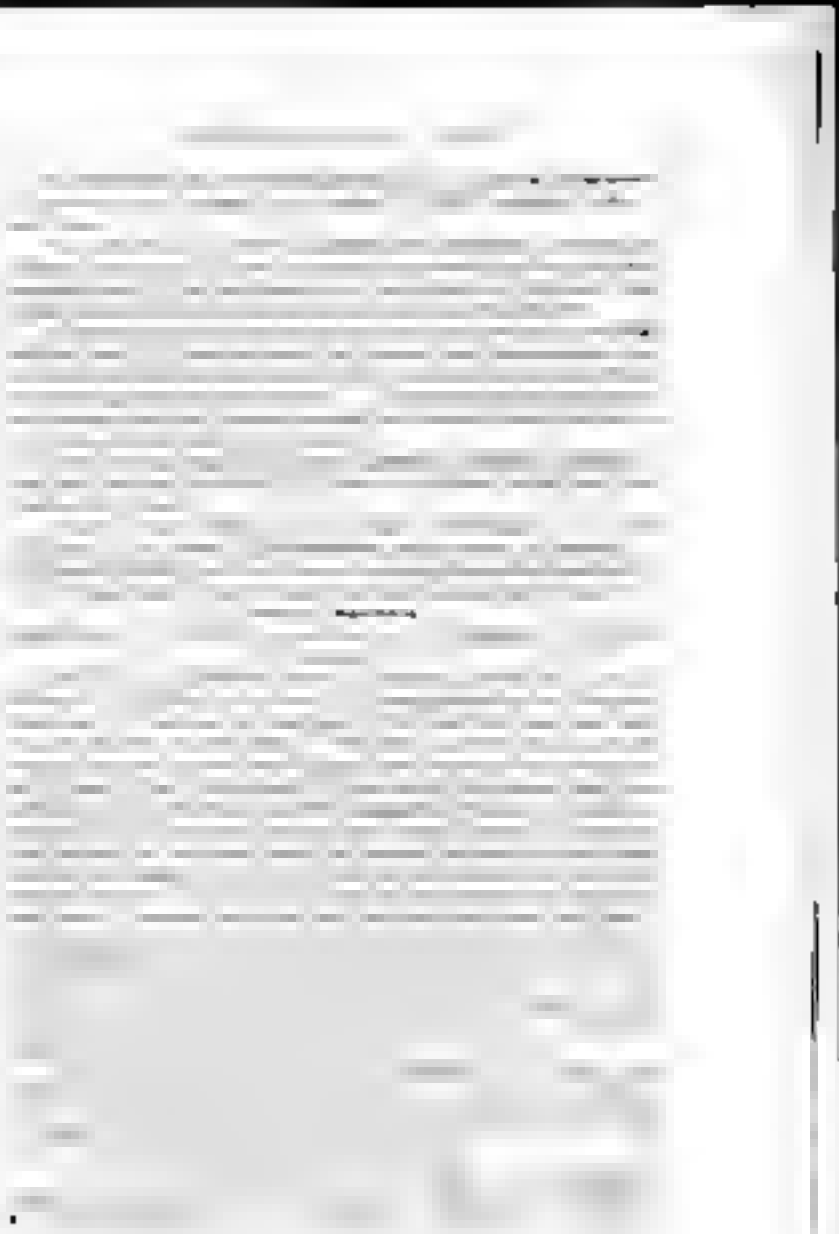

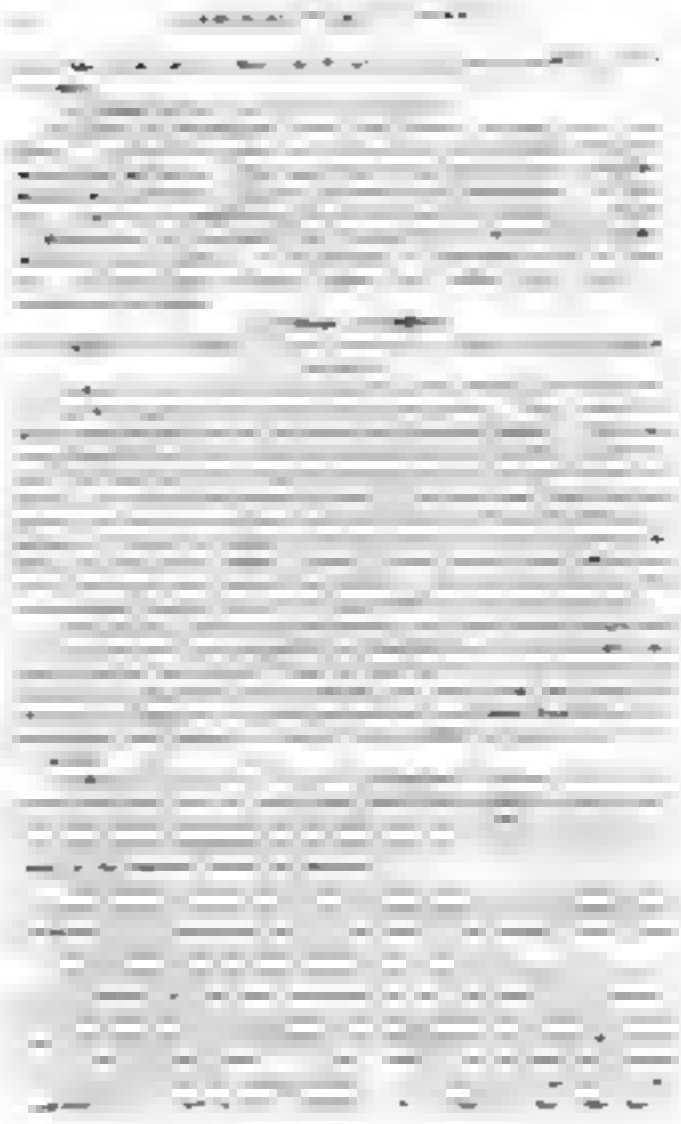

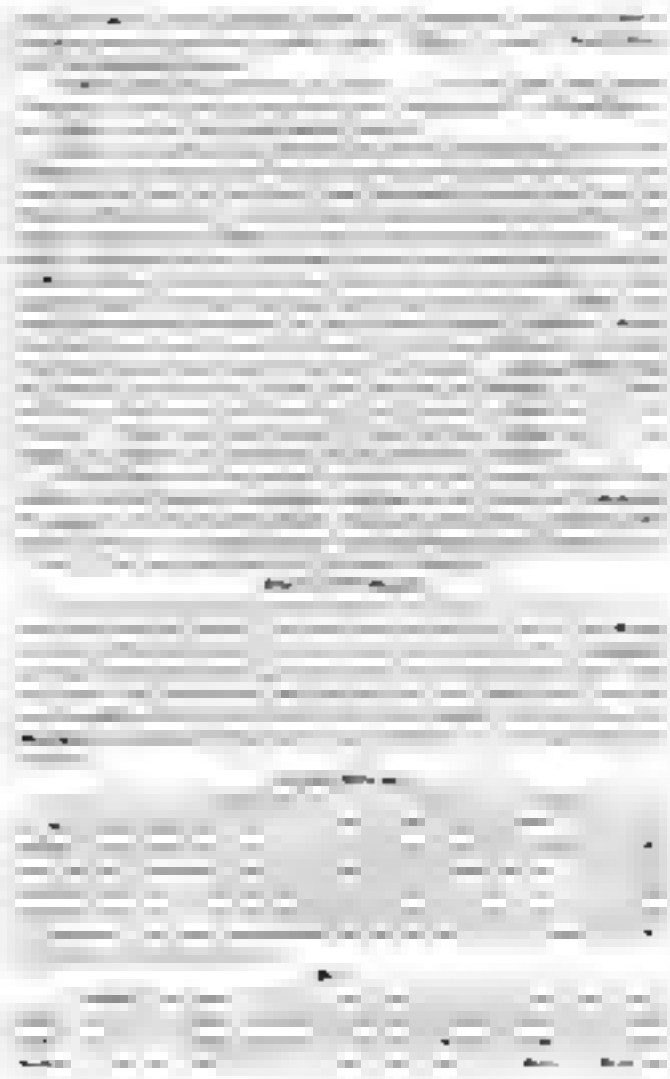

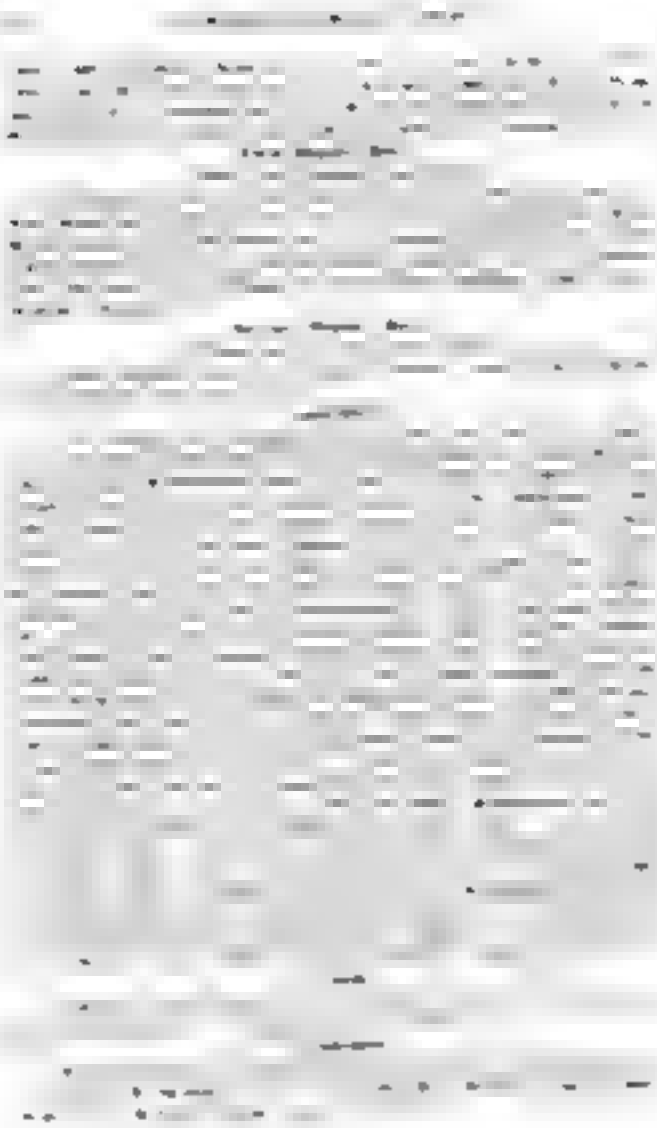

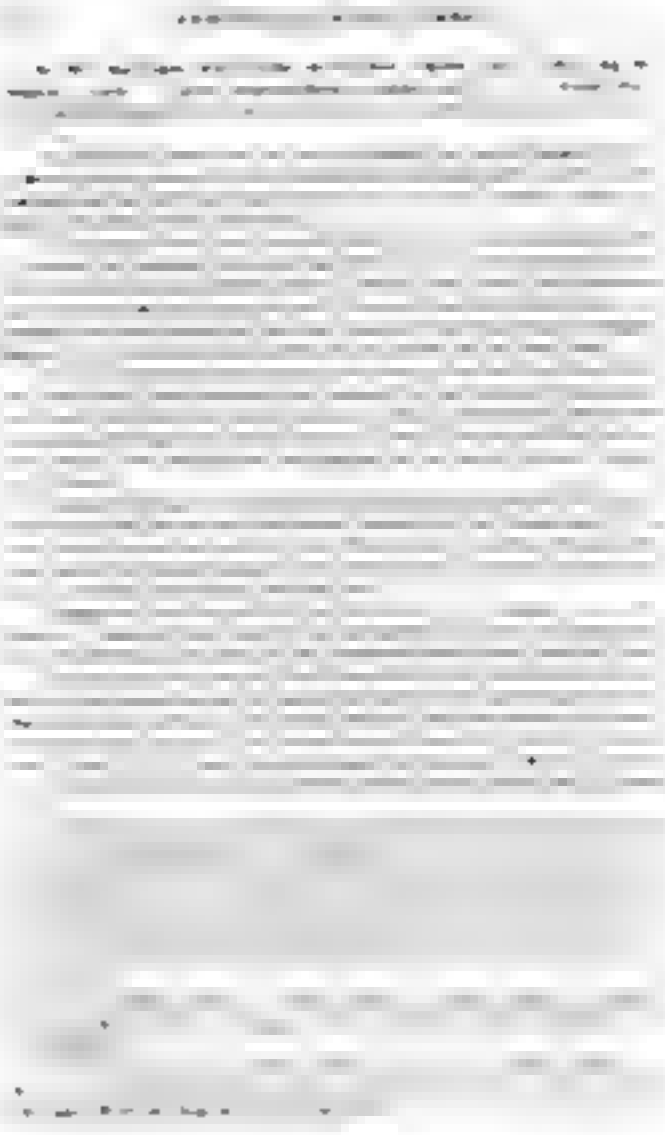

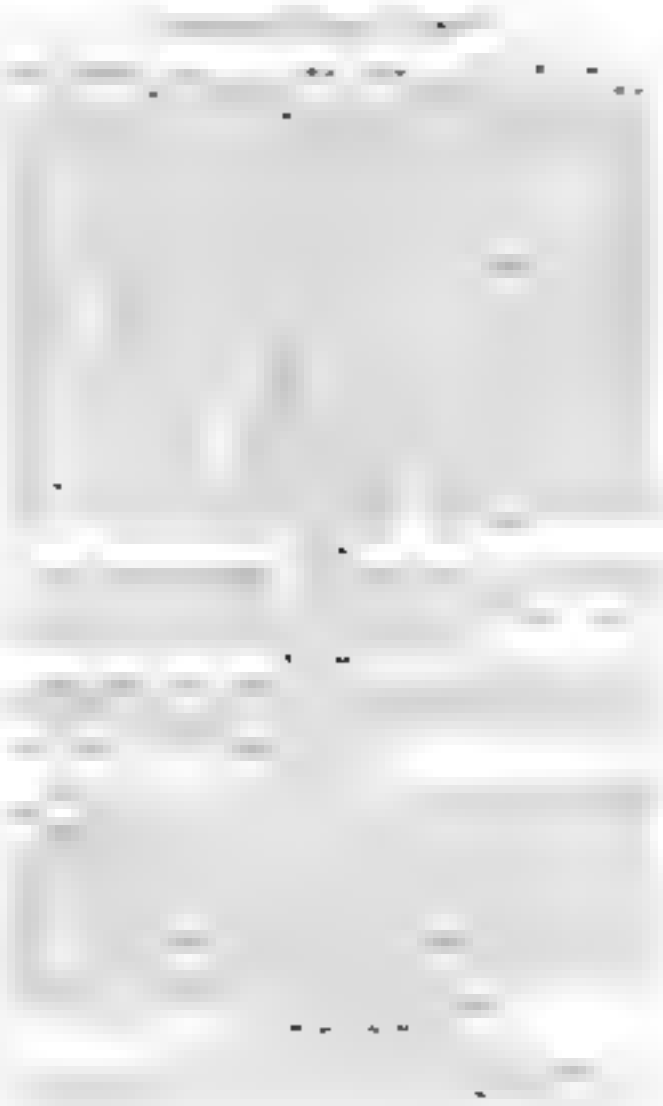

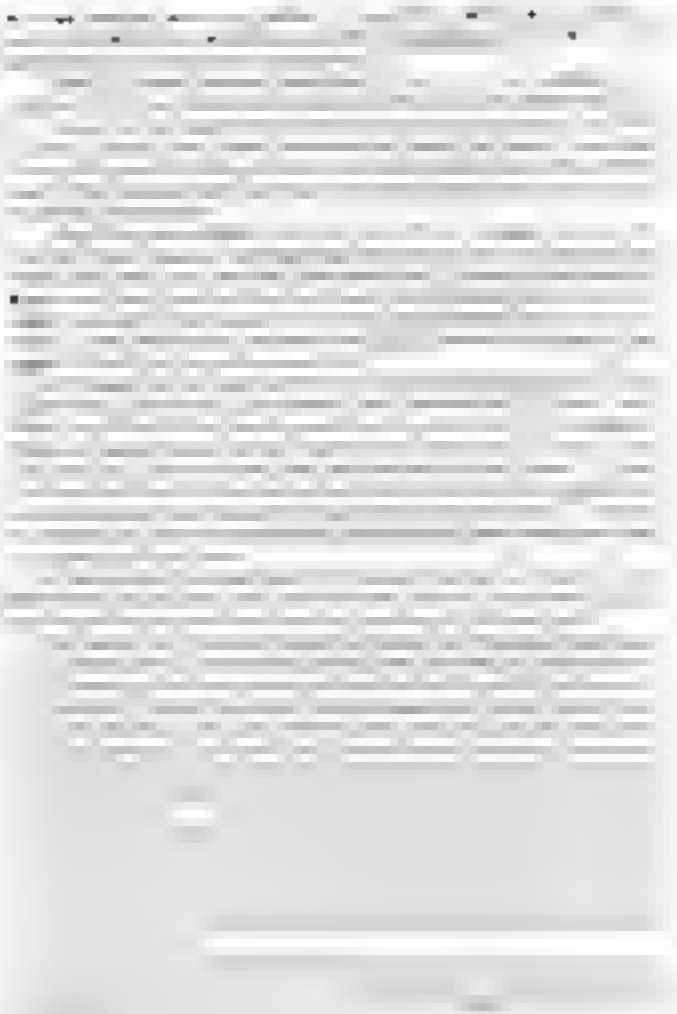

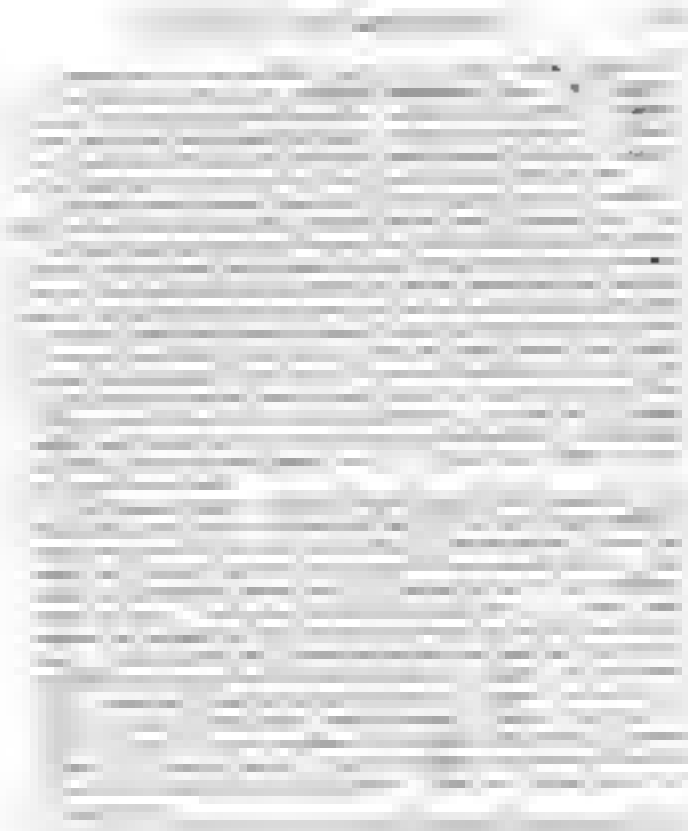

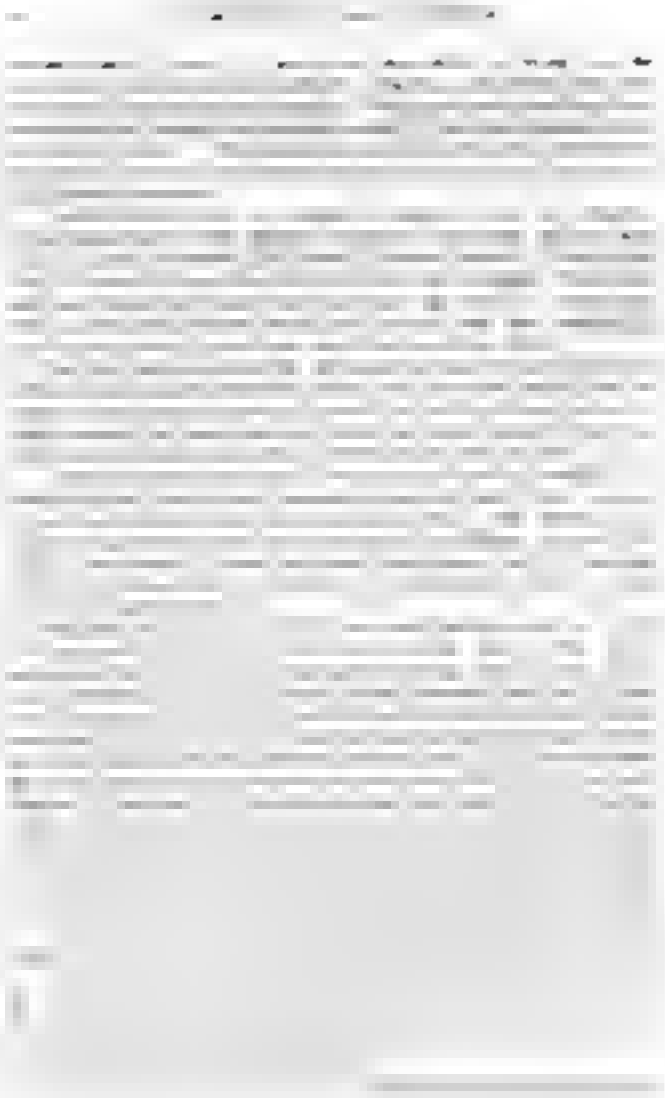

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Memories of Mount Forest

... Dedicated ...

To the Honor and Memory of
The Founders of Mount Forest
and the Pioneers of these Townships
also their brave Sons and Daughters
who laid down their lives
in defence of Liberty
in the Great War
and to the
Unity, Integrity and Prosperity
of Canada and the Empire.

MEMORIES

OF

MOUNT FOREST

and Surrounding Townships

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In Honor of the

DIAMOND JUBILEE

OF THE

CONFEDERATION

OF THE

DOMINION OF CANADA

and of the Founding of

The Mount Forest Confederate

1867 1927

EDITED BY ARTHUR WALKER WRIGHT

CANADA

He shall have Dominion also from Sea to Sea,
And from the River unto the Ends of the Earth.

Psalm 72:8

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AN ASPIRATION

(Air "SCOTS WHA HAE")

O Canada, my native land,
Fair daughter of Britannia grand,
From thee all freedom's foes be banned
All greed and treachery

Thy skies are of the brightest blue,
Thy snows are of the chastest hue,
Then may thy sons be pure and true,
And spurn all villany

See field and forest hill and dale,
Lake, river prairie, mountain, vale,
Comprised within thy sweeping pale,
In peace and unity

'Tis thus the youthful nation pleads,
With all her races, tongues and creeds,
In lofty thoughts and noble deeds
To join in rivalry

Then down with all that causes strife,
And up with all that fosters life
On conduct fair we war to the knife,
Justice our policy!

A. W. W.

Once Again

Once again we gladly meet,
Kith and kin we kindly greet,
And chat about the years agone
A pause and then we hasten on

Once again the sky is blue
We find that still our friends are true
Most happily we gather here
For sweet remembrance and good
cheer

Once again this kindred band
Sees eye to eye, gives hand to hand
Rejoices in each other's weal,
Is sad for those who sorrow feel.

Once again young hearts beat free
With Faith and Hope and Charity
Once again old bosoms glow
With memories of long ago

Once again we mourn our dead
And wistfully we gaze ahead
For if the great Re Union come
In our eternal Happy Home

A W W

For Auld Lang Syne

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Preface

This volume is, in the main, a reprint of articles that appeared in The Mount Forest Confederate during the year 1927 as a humble contribution, in a local and individual way, to the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation.

It notes briefly our great Canadian celebration. It preserves, in more detail, some account of the history of the little home paper that had the honor to be founded in the year of Confederation, and to derive its name from that auspicious circumstance.

Above all, I aimed to commemorate, in convenient form, the names and some of the achievements of as many of the Pioneers of the community and of its War Heroes as it was practical to compile in the time and space at one's disposal.

Altogether the book is the work of years, but it has been a labor of love as well as of dutiful remembrance. Such as it is, with its many shortcomings, the writer hopes that it will be cordially received and that it will be carefully preserved in the homes of residents of this district and by many former residents as a reminder of days that are gone, and of the generation that has now mostly passed away.

Thanks are due to the many who have in any way contributed to the work. We might mention in particular the Township Clerks who obligingly furnished us with valuable data: Messrs. Albert Speyer, Arthur; David Allan, Egremont; W. D. McLellan, Minto; and W. W. Duncan, West Luther.

ARTHUR W. WRIGHT

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Dominion of Canada

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Its Name

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth Psalm 72 8

His dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the river even to the ends of the earth Zechariah 9 10

It is generally supposed that the name Canada had its origin in the Iroquois word Kanata which means collections of huts Some say that a certain man by the name of Jacques Cartier pointing there applied it simply as was the French Spanish expression A few suppose it came

The name Dominion was given to the Canada Parliament and was adopted as more suitable than Kingdom which had been suggested but which owing to the Civil War feared might offend the susceptibilities of the United States There is a well authenticated story that the name Dominion was brought forward by Sir Leonard Tilley after reading in the morning in the Bible of the Psalm 72 or Zechariah 9 where the words also occur Mr Tilley was wrote that of the Psalm I also brought forward which that it be a suitable name He suggested to the resolutions a section and it was agreed to

Its History

Canada has had two ages an interesting and romantic history Let us refer to a few outstanding events in its Iroquois Cartier visited he in and was in the and took possession of North America in the name of King Francis of France In the Champlain founded Quebec the second permanent European settlement on the continent and the French extended their influence during the right by the establishment of the Superior and south Acadians Religious zeal prompted fervored missionaries and adventurers to endure hardships martyrdoms Amid with Britain and the Hudson Bay Company rivalry the hard fighting and rivalry finally ending in Britain's favor by the defeat of Montcalm Plains of Abraham Quebec Captured In 1763 made Canada a province by the Treaty of Paris and soon after Canada was big state from Hudson Bay to the Mississippi and in 1774 a number of these were annexed to Quebec and Province by Act of Parliament Quebec and Upper Canada by Act of Parliament Province and Upper Canada were united as the Province of Canada by Act of Parliament Confederation and admitted as the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Territories and admitted as the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia Prince Edward Island entered the Confederation in 1873 we had the Territories which was under Louis Riel in the Northwest and there were Provinces Alberta and Saskatchewan Quebec's boundaries were extended to Hudson Bay In 1905 the

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of
The Confederate

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From a Chick to a Chanticler

1867

After a sketch by the first editor

1927

After a sketch by the present editor

(From The Confederate, March 31, 1927)

The Confederate today completes its sixtieth year as a newspaper it is fitting that some notice should be taken of so auspicious an occasion.

There is no other newspaper in the world, so far as we know, that bears the name of The Confederate. There will be only one to bear the name, at least for the same reason.

On March 29th, 1867 Queen Victoria gave assent to the British North American Act by which the Confederation of the Dominion of Canada was authorized by the Imperial Parliament. The next week the first issue of the Confederate appeared. At first it was rather an amateur production, small in size and appearing rather irregularly. The proprietor was Mr. H. J. Stovel and the first editor was his son, Harry C. Stovel, a mere lad of 17 years, under the guidance.

year and a half he retired. Three months later the Advocate ceased publication and three months later on January 29th, 1895, Mr Lambert started The Representative which, under the same management continued, until it was taken over by A W Wright on August 1 1918

After disposing of The Confederate and Examiner Mr H. H Stovel started The Index and published it for two years, October 1884 to October 886

In more recent years, in the wake of a strenuous local option contest the Wednesday Sun was started by Mr Arthur Rogers, and the town had three papers for a couple of years.

The Confederate had always been Reform or Liberal in its political leanings. The Examiner was at first under Mr Graffe a Conservative paper but became Reform when purchased by Messrs. McAdams and McLaren so the two amalgamated there were two Reform journals in town and no Conservative paper and The Advocate was started.

The Representative was Conservative in politics. Since amalgamation the present editor has pursued an independent course, and proposes to continue to do so.

In the first issue of The Confederate the advertisers were Amos Bissell, Linemith, Main St. Western Assurance Co S. Nelson, painter glazier and paper hanger Canada House. W and R Smith, dealers in dry goods, groceries, hardware, etc L. H Yeomans, sends Vulcan Foundry Hartley and Ashley

FROM OTHER EDITORS

These are from contributions sent to us ten years ago, in 1917 on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of The Confederate, and are now even more interesting than then, especially as two of the writers, Mr Stovel and Mr Rickaby have passed over the Dark River

FROM H. C. STOVEL.

First Editor

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
The Confederate, 1867 to 1917

Winnipeg, March 23, 1917

To the Editor of The Confederate.

Rev William Wye Smith, retired Congregational minister and former editor of the Owen Sound Times Canadian Independent and Sunday School Dial, is dead at Bayfield Ont aged 90 He was a native of Jedburgh Scotland Printer and Publisher February 1917

The above is "text" for a little story a contribution to your Histories I carries one back to boyhood days, after the starting of The Confederate With my father I went to Owen Sound and was introduced to Rev Mr Smith who very kindly interested himself a man While father was attending to the business he had in hand the

reverend gentleman enlightened me about printing etc which was of service years later and assisted in building up the paper His kindness was not forgotten The Owen Sound Times was a good newspaper and the job [illegible] and work turned out by John Rutherford

H. C. STOVEL
First Manager Confederate

J. S. LANNERT
Representative

A. W. WRIGHT
Present Editor

was he loved of many a printer

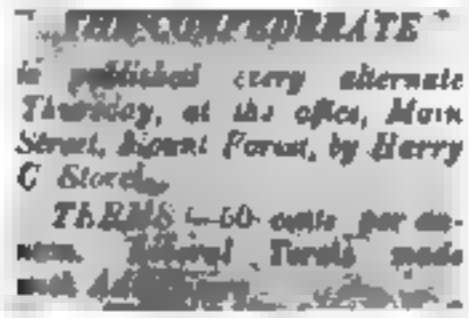
Your paper sir is now approaching its fiftieth birthday To look back fifty years is a long time but on looking backward does it appear so Many changes have occurred during that period At this time to talk shop may be pardoned

As a reminder of the past and token of the present my sister Mrs J J Cook of Bloor Ont who in the early days assisted at work in connection with The Confederate kindly made one of ye olde tyme birthday cakes which is now or other friends in commemoration of the 50th anniversary but the purpose for which it was to be used was unknown to her The cake was forwarded to Winnipeg and there cut up a special knife fitted up in "golden" style being used in the cutting I was my pleasure to hand the knife into the

the other

Father was the proprietor and the actual editor [illegible] n the way of "devil" my assistance was rendered a [illegible] off hours from school News items would be picked up and on repeating such to father he would have me "write it down" and then he would amend in this way my writing was schooled [illegible] ile being no printer and even knowing the case so far as I remember assisted in other ways as time allowed and my services were as [illegible] compositor and delivery boy

With the first issue [illegible] the second year April 2 1868 through the kindness of father the paper came out with his imprint to it


THE CO-OPERATE
is published every alternate Thursday, at the office, Main Street, Mount Forest, by Harry C Stovel.
TERMS:—50 cents per annum. [illegible] Terms made [illegible]

By this time school was a thing of the past with me and the paper became a third organ of the village more attention being paid to the passing events than previously A subscription of fifty cents a year was also asked Towards the end of the first year the paper was increased in size to six pages and issued three as an alternate weekly

This then was the commencement of the printing trade in the Stovel family

HARRY C STOVEL

FROM JOSEPH RICHARD

As you wished me to write you a short account of my stay in Mount Forest I will try and give it to you

In the year 1851 Mr J F Downey and I bought of the Confederate from Mr Benner who was then the editor and proprietor The paper was then carried on by us as Richards and Downey for about one year when the partnership was dissolved Mr Downey taking a position as editor on the Guelph Herald and I continued the business for about five years and then went on to Mr George Van Blaricom

From Mount Forest I moved to Orkney and on St Joseph Island. 30 years ago and started a paper shortly after called the St Joe Herald of which I am still proprietor

There have been a great many changes in Mount Forest during the past twenty years Of those who have passed to the great beyond since I left there I might mention the following business men

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By [illegible]

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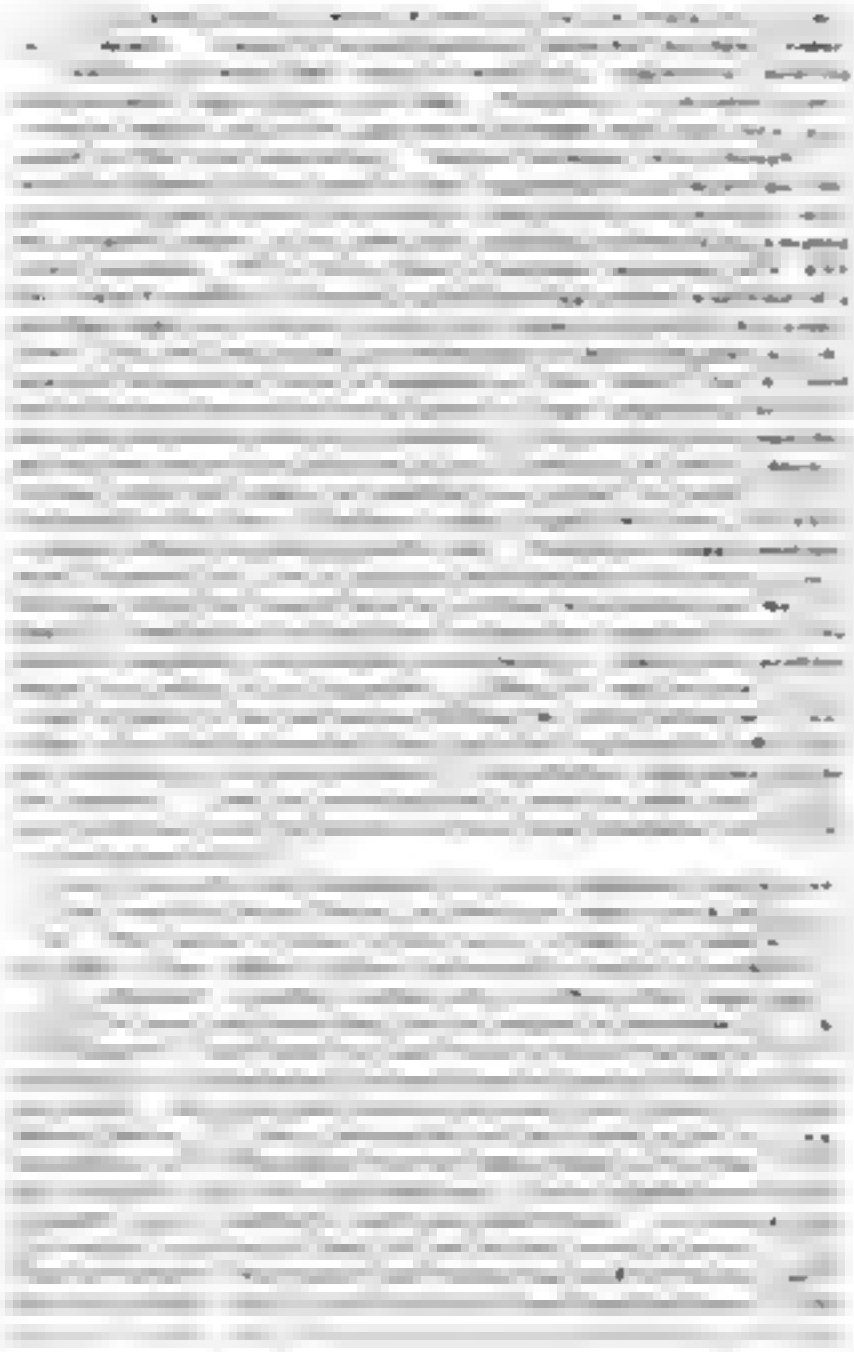

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After [illegible] took over the paper in [illegible] George [illegible], who later published the [illegible] Gazette and who died several years ago, was [illegible] for a couple of years. He was followed by Miss [illegible] Rogers for several years and then by Miss [illegible] for some years. At the time of the amalgamation [illegible] who had been in The [illegible] office [illegible] and has [illegible] mechanical superintendent, which position he [illegible] most [illegible] and [illegible]. Miss Florence [illegible] and [illegible] are the present employees of the office and among the graduates of a few years past who may be mentioned are Miss [illegible], Miss [illegible] Edwards, Frank [illegible] and James [illegible].

BIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES TO FORMER EDITORS

The following are brief biographical notes of former editors and publishers in Mount Forest. The [illegible] complete and accurate as the information at hand [illegible].

Thomas [illegible]

[illegible] Fergus [illegible] Mount Forest [illegible] The British [illegible] in Fergus [illegible] the paper published in Fergus [illegible] George [illegible] The [illegible] Fergus [illegible] The [illegible] under Mr. [illegible] management [illegible] of Fergus [illegible] he started The [illegible], the first paper published in Mount Forest. [illegible] was taken over by T. J. [illegible] when he started The Examiner.

Thomas J. [illegible]

[illegible] He started The Examiner [illegible] Mount Forest [illegible] The Examiner [illegible]

and discovery of the [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] of The Chemical Society and the other [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Action of the Reagent

[illegible]

Experimental

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Robert Hawkins

[illegible] a son of William Hawkins an Irish surveyor who also had emigrated to England and there he was residing in 1814 and running with his family [illegible]. From the boy [illegible] Fergus and other members of the family attended the Edinburgh school. Later he purchased the property of Thomas Clark [illegible] the Dublin Lodge for half a century and died a [illegible]. Robert received his primary training and has formerly [illegible] the Government in [illegible] and then [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

James Patrick Dooley

[illegible]

George Grant Mac Curdy

[illegible]

James Fisher

[illegible]

Francis B. Kennedy

[illegible]

Arthur Wesley Wright

[illegible]

A LOCAL PAPER NEEDS STAMPS OLD

Mr. H. E. Twomey [illegible] a copy of The Examiner and General Advertiser for the months of June and September 1862. The [illegible] Bond Paper. [illegible] The [illegible] for [illegible] Street, a better [illegible] of [illegible] the edges of the [illegible] The subscription price [illegible] the end of the

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000 Luther $10,000 Certain stipulations as to location were usually appended to these resolutions. The railway arrived four years later

There is an instalment of a continued story, and a selection of Poetry is given. "The Wearing of the Grey" which was popular at the time, and is still interesting as indicating a certain attitude manifested by the defeated South after the American Civil War recently over We quote the first and last stanzas

Oh, have you heard the cruel news? Alas! It is too true;
Upon the Appotomax down went our cross of blue—
Our armies have surrendered— we bow to Northern sway
And forever more forbidden is the wearing of the grey

But a day may yet be coming, boys, in future rolling years,
Which may bring revenge and triumph may wipe away our tears,
When the azure cross shall float again, no more to pass away
And the token of our victory be the wearing of the grey.

That day has not yet arrived and is not likely to arrive.

S. S. BLACKBURN
Foreman of The Confederate

As an index of the activities of what had quickly grown up to be a busy village the advertisements are interesting

There are business cards of The Examiner Job Printing Establishment John Kennedy's Law Office [illegible] Wilkes Notary Public [illegible]eyancer etc P McCurry [illegible]ster etc John McFadyen [illegible]rary & Law Dr Dunbar Dr [illegible] R Ecroyd H P Yeomans, [illegible] M D. Physician A H M[illegible] [illegible] F Murphy Provincial [illegible] Surveyor H H Stovel, Issuer of Marriage Licenses T J [illegible]affe Coroner for the Counties of [illegible]ington and Grey etc Commercial Hotel, Owen Sound James [illegible]nger Agreement House, [illegible]ely opt by James Cripple Green's Hotel, Arthur Hugh Wilson Provincial Land Surveyor etc Wm G Marrison, Provincial Land Surveyor etc Mount P O Address. Clifford Fred Taylor Quebec, Land and General Agent

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new cash store Henry Jelley has for sale Axe at 5c per quart by the quarter cask whiskey at 4.c per gal on by the barrel, 45c per gallon by the five gallon milk 4c por quart Wm F We con advertises his axes. ame Ireland makes pumps Wm. Lambert Minto, has a wool factory R. J Gale opposite Dr Dunbar's, has an advertisement dated Nov 3. 1864 The Fenian Raid alarm was on and he Moun Forest Company had left he week or two before and were in camp at London

THE MOUNT FOREST POST OFFICE

Erected in 1912)

Whose obliging Postmasters and staffs have been of most valuable assistance in getting he Moun Forest newspapers mailed to their subscribers

T O Smith Postmaster 1862 o 1920

Miss Minie Smith Postmistress. 1920 ' present

Gold and Diamonds

Gold and Diamonds

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[illegible] was performed at the home of the bride's father, the late John [illegible] by the Rev. [illegible] pastor of the old Presbyterian [illegible] Church. [illegible] street. A very pretty home wedding [illegible] by many friends and relatives here, [illegible] was the bride's cousin [illegible] was the best woman, and by the entire wedding party. A dinner was served [illegible] Fairbanks sisters, [illegible] a guest to the east [illegible] was a gold [illegible] which was to read here [illegible] happy couple [illegible] the bridal couple has [illegible] Mr. Robert [illegible] of the groom. The [illegible]

Miss [illegible] and Miss [illegible] entertained at their home on Feb. 14, [illegible] in honor of their cousin, [illegible] wedding. In the afternoon [illegible] were made by the [illegible] Then Miss [illegible] and Miss [illegible] and a merry time was enjoyed by all present. A delicious [illegible] was then served including the bride's cake. [illegible] and a poem entitled "A Wife" was read and [illegible] Miss Fairbanks [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] received many [illegible] and Robert Fairbanks and [illegible] of Saginaw.

Fifteen girls and [illegible] of the bride's relatives and friends were added to the entertainment [illegible] were remembered when the dainty [illegible] was served. Assisting [illegible] were [illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks have [illegible] their native county [illegible] and the best wishes of the Fairbanks Presbyterian [illegible] are [illegible]

John Fairbairn

[illegible] of Feb. 2, 1918

An [illegible] was [illegible] John Fairbairn, one of the oldest and most prominent farmers of Kawkawlin, departed this life Sunday [illegible] 3rd day of January, 1915.

The deceased was born in Kirkcaldy, in the county of Lothian, Scotland, [illegible] and was [illegible] with his parents to Pontiac, [illegible] [illegible] remained a little [illegible] 13 years of age. In 1861 he [illegible] came to Canada and settled [illegible] in Kawkawlin and here [illegible] a prosperous [illegible] and by [illegible] remained [illegible] [illegible]

In Feb. 1864 [illegible] was [illegible] Miss Margaret Whitelaw, also of Kawkawlin, who [illegible] [illegible] to age of 67 years.

[illegible] a short [illegible] the age of eight and seventy [illegible] the home of [illegible] [illegible] where the [illegible] to be held [illegible] of his home and neighborhood. Mr. Fairbairn was a farmer [illegible] of means [illegible] He [illegible] himself [illegible] the breeding of Shorthorn [illegible] and was an exhibitor [illegible] the [illegible] Fair. The Fairbairn family [illegible] a prominent [illegible] of the Presbyterian church and [illegible] days of [illegible]

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MR. AND MRS. W. J. [illegible]

[illegible] Residence [illegible] Mount Pleasant

From The [illegible] of Sept 18, 1914

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A wedding repast was enjoyed, including wedding cake. The tables were appropriately decked with white and golden asters. Addresses of felicitation were delivered by Rev Mr Facey Mr Treleaven and Mr Grose. Tokens of remembrance in the form of gold coins, jewelry and chinaware were presented.

Many friends here and elsewhere unite in congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happy wedded life together

MR AND MRS. THOMAS NORRIS

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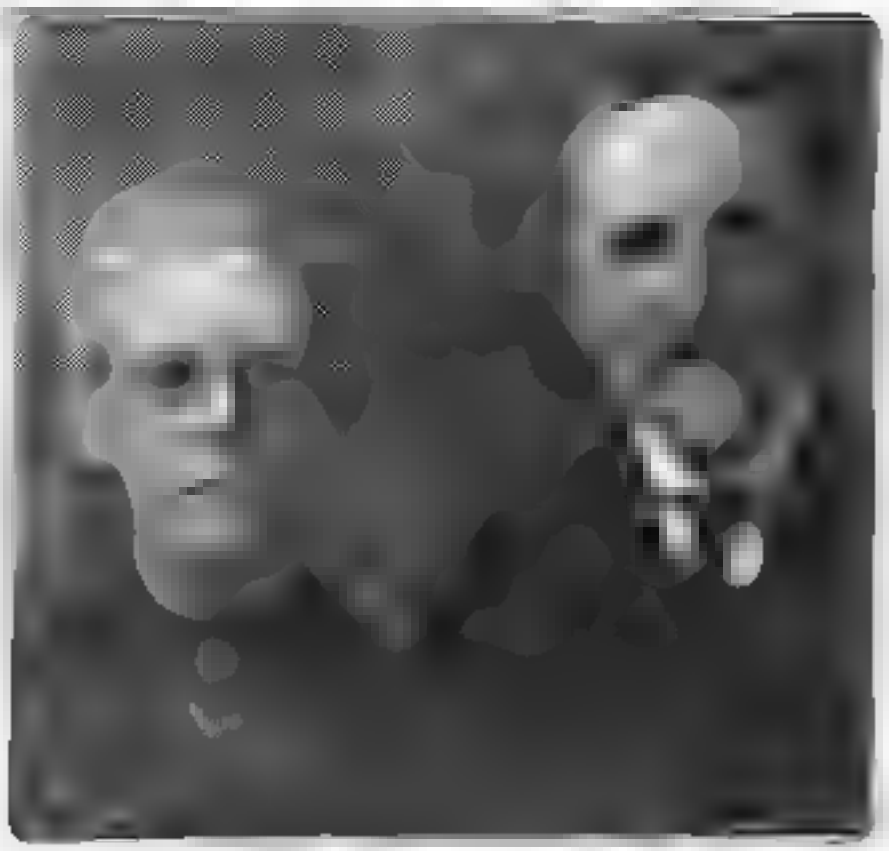
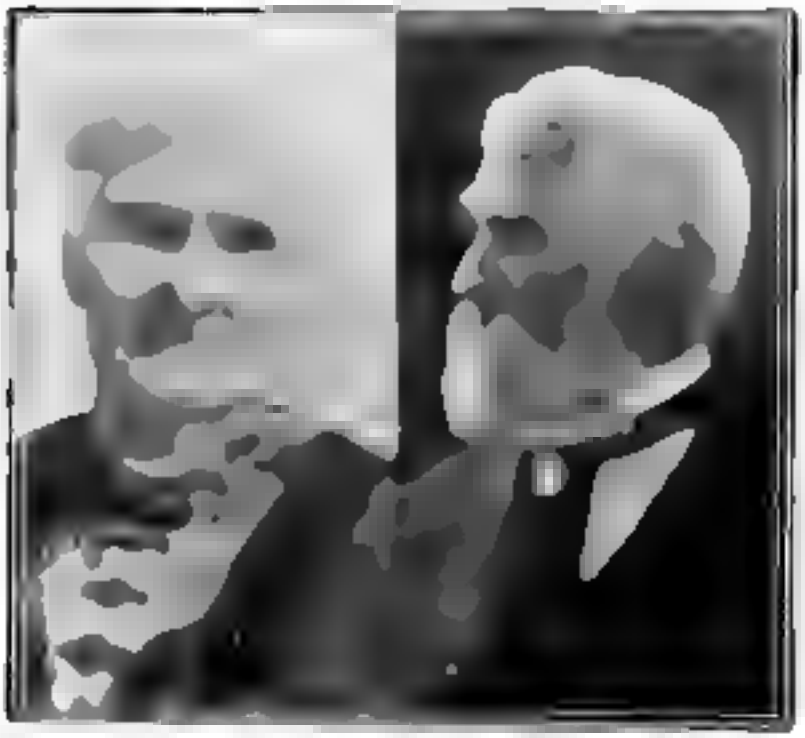
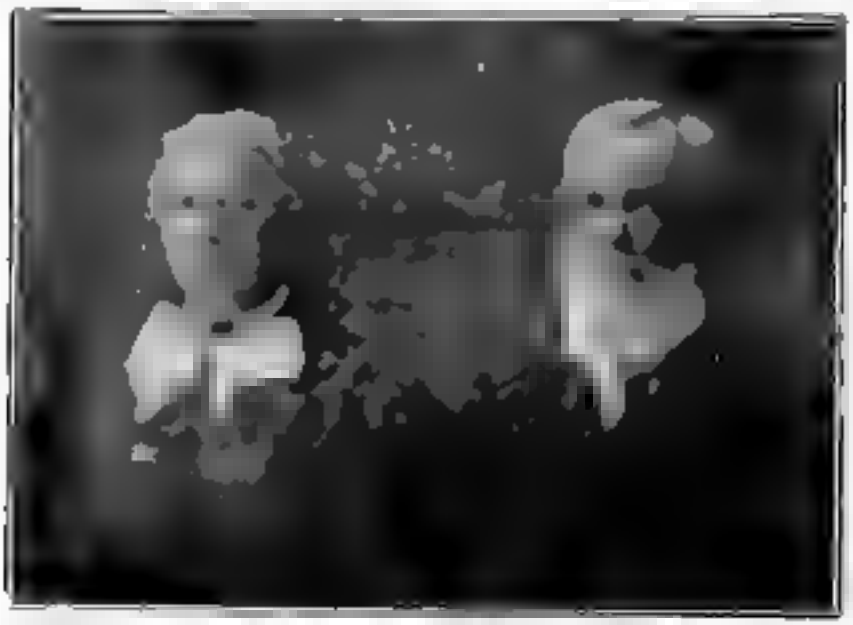


[illegible] A portion of said bid presented by the [illegible] the said [illegible] of the Budget Act

A [illegible] of Mrs. Bennett [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] that [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]





source in the famous Woodland Springs— a bit of water such as Tennyson made to sing 'Men may come and men may go but I go on forever" Not only is the babbling brook an economic asset, but a source of pleasure too, as Mr Wallace has utilized it to provide a splendid trout pond on whose well stocked water he and the members of his family spend many a delightful hour in emulation of the art of Izaak Walton.

At the golden wedding all the children were present as well as the following relatives and friends Mrs. Robert McBride. Mrs. Wm Patterson, Mr Frank McBride. Mr George McBride. Mrs. Louise McEachern. Mr and Mrs. Sam Peckover Mr and Mrs. Robert Patterson, Mr and Mrs. W A Gardiner Mr and Mrs. John T McBride. Mr and Mrs. Fred Dixon. Dr and Mrs. Jones, Sr Mr and Mrs Alexander Jamieson Rev and Mrs. Moyer. Mr and Mrs. Spencer and Miss Kate Currie. A bountiful supper was served in the spacious dining room in which all did ample justice. The gathering was brought to an end by the invocation of the Divine blessing and the singing of 'God be with you till we meet again after which the guests took their departure with sincere wishes to their host and hostess for many more days of happy wedded life.

NOTE— Mrs Wallace died on April 21, 1930. Mr Wallace married Miss Alice Louisa Hills on Nov 4th. 1925, and they are living retired in Mount Forest.

For Canada and The Empire

For Canada and The Empire

The Prairie Boys

ordered to London, as stated in a copy of The Examiner of June 14, 1866 [illegible] by Mr. [illegible] W. [illegible]. Immediately on arriving they were billeted out in the town, the barracks being fully occupied by the regular troops, some 1500 in number. There were collected some 2[illegible] companies [illegible] numbering upwards of [illegible] men, so that the [illegible] of the Western [illegible] should be [illegible] safe for the present.

Red River Expedition

Mossy [illegible] the Red River Expedition under Sir Garnet Wolseley [illegible] man, George [illegible], who was selected as one [illegible] men, one from each company of the Wellington [illegible] Winnipeg [illegible] suppress [illegible] [illegible] company and a [illegible] party [illegible]. He [illegible] with the [illegible] River [illegible] over the [illegible] and [illegible] Fort [illegible]. After his return he married [illegible] removed to Winnipeg and [illegible] where he celebrated their golden wedding on February 2[illegible], 1[illegible]. Mrs. [illegible] died [illegible] and Mr. [illegible] January [illegible], 19[illegible]. Three of their sons served in the Great War.

South African Rebellion

The Boer War came [illegible] outburst of Canadian patriotic fervor [illegible] Mossy Forest was represented by [illegible] and most heroic sons who went with the first of [illegible] in South Africa and took part in the great [illegible]. They were [illegible] Campbell, James B. Corley and James [illegible].

Fred Campbell was born in Oxford County on June [illegible], 18[illegible]. When he was six months old his parents Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Campbell brought him to [illegible] farm in Normanby near [illegible]. From early [illegible] he had a love of soldiering [illegible] was connected with the Mossy Forest Company of the Wellington [illegible] in which he rose to be captain.

[illegible] of the campaign he showed great bravery and [illegible] from capture [illegible] had been smashed [illegible] wheel and [illegible].

Another [illegible] was when he rescued James B. Corley, whose arm had been shattered, and he was in danger of being left on the field. Campbell carried him to safety and in all probability saved his life.

MOUNT FOREST BOYS IN THE BOER WAR

Sergeant F W Campbell **Private J. R. Corley**

Trooper Frank Dill

From The Confederate of March 8, 1900

Captain James B Corley is a son of Mr John Corley When he enlisted for South Africa he was serving as a drug clerk in Toronto, and not quite eighteen years of age He was severely wounded in South Africa and was later on a London hospital with fever After his return he entered the Dominion postal service After a period as railway mail clerk he received promotion to an inspectorship, with headquarters at Calgary where he enlisted for the Great War in which he had a captaincy He was wounded twice Since his return he has occupied important positions in the Postal Service in British Columbia and Alberta

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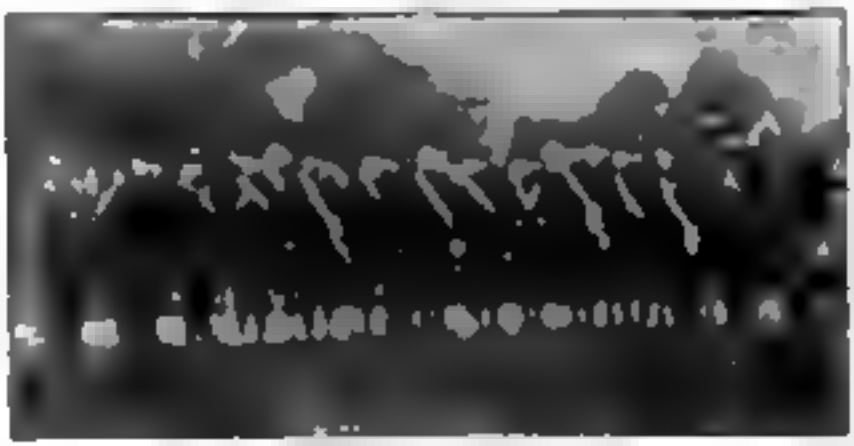

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WON MILITARY CROSS

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RECEPTION FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

(From The Commonwealth and Representative of March [illegible])

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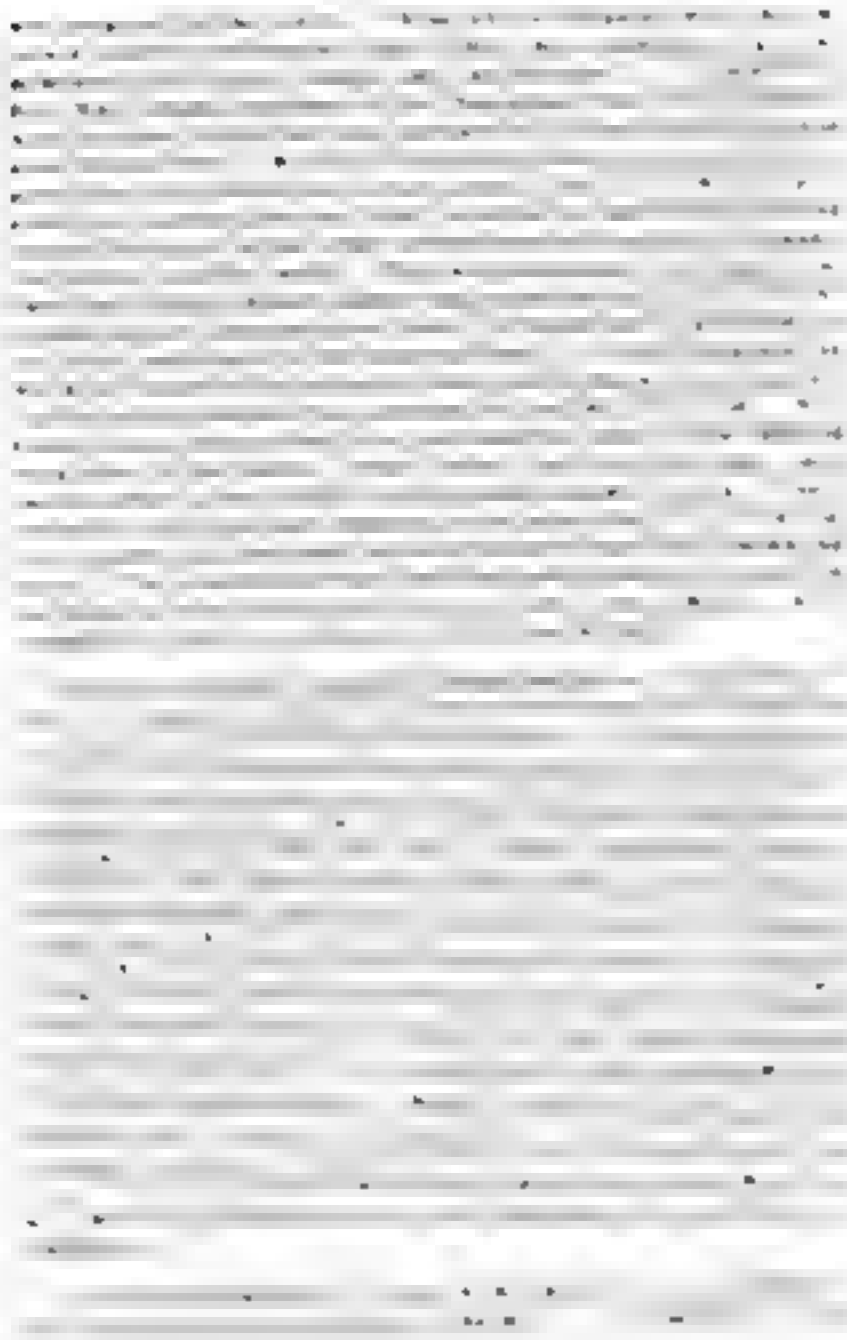

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REMEMBERED ON ARMISTICE DAY

Following is a list of those whose names and deeds have been remembered a Mount Forest cemetery on Armistice Day

Served in France

Private Alexander Brown
Captain F W Campbell V C
Private George Cowdie
Private William Cowan
Private John Cushnie
Gunner Charles Donnelly
Private George Boyd
Private George Hunt
Private Kenneth McKeown
Private Robert H Martin
Private Douglas Smith
Private Howard Smith
Private William Smith
Private Russel Webster
Private Charles Wilson

Private Peter Brown Served in England

Served in Canada

Lieut Harold Bright
Nursing Sister Alice Cook
Private Spencer Robertson
Private Earl White

Wreaths were also provided for Sergeant Thomas Lowry Imperial Veteran and to wreaths on behalf of him having an plot a the cemetery

Margaret Shannon for Michael Shannon
Mrs Emerson for her husband
Mrs Smith for J Boyle
Mrs Seaman for Samuel Seaman

THOSE WHO SERVED

Following is an extended list as far as could be procured of those from Mount Forest and surrounding community of those who served in any military capacity in the Great War of 1914-18

Of the abbreviations in connection with wounded gassed (X) shell shock (S) Wounded & Gassed (XG) W.O.R. Western Ontario Regiment R.A.F. Royal Air Force A.S.C. Canadian Army Service Corps A.M.C. Canadian Army Medical Corps R.T. Canadian Railway Troop M.R. Canadian Mounted Rifles R.H.A. Royal Canadian Horse Artillery M.T. Motor Mechanical Transport R.E. Royal Canadian Engineers C.E.F. Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force C.A.M.C. Canadian Army Medical Corps R.C.R. Royal Canadian Regiment R.A. Adjutant Generals Staff R.N.W.M.P. Royal Canadian Mounted Police M.M. Military Medal M.C. Military Cross V.C. Victoria Cross

Adair Chas Robin (K Died)
Adair Jas
Adair Walter
Adams Bert
Addison A M Wm (X) R.A.F.
Addison Harry G Sgt (Int Int) C.M.A.
Allen Geo Herman (W) 116th Bn
Allen Sig Stuart 63rd Bn
Armstrong Geo (K) 63rd Bn
Armstrong J
Amos Forbes (X)
Arnott F (X) 58th Bn
Audsley Edward 153rd Bn
Baker Calvin (K) 153rd Bn.
Barber Percy

[illegible]

[illegible] Fred (K)
[illegible] Harry
[illegible] Robert (K)
[illegible] Michael — 153rd Bn
Jordan W. [illegible] (W) — [illegible]
[illegible] John (K) — [illegible] Bn
[illegible] Robert — [illegible] Bn & 42nd
[illegible] J. W. (W) — 43rd Bn
[illegible] J. R. — 57th Bn
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] — Machine Gun
[illegible] (W) — [illegible]
[illegible] Capt. T. H. — [illegible] Med
[illegible]
[illegible] W. George
[illegible] E. J. — 43rd Bn
Hart James M. M. (W) — [illegible] & 58th
Hart Wm [illegible] (W) — R.A.F.
Hart Charles — [illegible] Army
Harris Peter (K) — W.O.R.
Hood Ernest (K) — [illegible] Bn
Henley Patrick (K) — 21st Bn
Henley — U.S.A.
Heffernan T. M. (K) — 153rd Bn
Jackson William (W)
[illegible] Sgt. Elmore J. — Div. Sig
[illegible] Geo. H. — 153rd Bn
[illegible] Walter
[illegible] George (K) — 57th & 58th Bn
[illegible] Ed. (W)
[illegible] George
[illegible] — 4th Bn
[illegible] (W) — 153rd Bn
[illegible] Charles A. (W) — 153rd Bn
[illegible] (K)
[illegible] (K)
[illegible] (W)
[illegible] Albert (W) — 153rd 4th Bn
[illegible] Sgt. H. A. — C.A.M.C.
[illegible] Fred W. (W) — 18th Bn
[illegible] Alfred (W) — 153rd 4th Bn
[illegible] John — 58th
[illegible] Harry J. (W)
[illegible] John (W) — 58th Bn [illegible]
[illegible] Robert — 47th Bn
[illegible] (W) — 58th Bn
[illegible] (W) — 53rd Bn
[illegible] Finlay
[illegible] Sgt. [illegible] — [illegible] C.E.
Kingston Fred — 153rd Bn
Kingston [illegible] Fred
[illegible] Murray — 5th Forestry
[illegible] Sidney (W) — 21st Bn
[illegible] J. (W) — 153rd Bn
[illegible] James — 1st Bn
Lee Geo. — 43rd Bn
Lee [illegible] — 153rd Bn
Legge Cpl. Chas. B. — 123rd Grenadiers
Livingstone Geo. (K) — W.O.R.
[illegible] J. H.
[illegible] — 56th Bn
[illegible] Albert H. (W) — 21st Bn
Madigan [illegible] Corp. [illegible] (W)
[illegible] Corp. Wesley (K)
[illegible] I. A. — 153rd Bn
[illegible] Andrew — W.O.R.
Mapp Percy
[illegible] Anthony (K) — 153rd Bn
Mark N. & Ames — C.A.M.C.

Martin N. S. Jean M C.A.M.C.
Martin Bert (K 92nd Bn.
Martin Spr Alex. D. M.M. R.E.C.
Martin Thos. W
Martin Donald Jamieson
Meikle Sig. Hadden (W) R.C.E.
Meikle A M Peden (X) R.A.F.
Mercer F R. Tank Batt.
Mercer A M. Roy (X) R.A.F.
Meyers Joseph X) 153rd Bn.
Miller J H 153rd Bn.
Miller Joseph F (H.D.) R.C.N.V.R.
Miller Cecil (W) 147th Bn.
Moore George (W) 153rd Bn.
Moore Marshall B (K Tmt. 36th. 38th Bns.
Moore E E. (K) 153rd Bn.
Morgan A G 153rd Bn.
Morgan Sgt. Chas. A M.M. 97th Bty.
Morrison Harold 153rd Bn.
Morrison Ira W) 1st Bn.
Morrison Clarence (W) 153rd Bn.
Morrison Cadet G. Robert R.A.F.
Morrison Robert E. 3rd Reserves
Muir Robert 1st Bn.
Mulcock Arthur K. 24th Greys
Mulhall John U.S. Inf.
Mundell Flt. Lt. J. A. R.A.F.
Murdoch Alex
Murphy Arthur
Murphy Cyril
Murphy Emmett
Murphy Lieut. Frank M.C. 1st Bn.
Murphy George C.S.E.F.
Murphy Sgt. Nicholas X) C.A.D.C.
Murray Findlay
McArthur Wm.
McArthur Corp. Wm. 4th C.M.F.
McBride Sgt. J. Ernest 153 47th
McCullough V 53rd Bn.
McDougall Trooper Harry C.M.R.
McDougall Thomas
McEachern John W
McEachern Wm. J. 153rd Bn. Corps
McEwen Chester (K
McEwen Gr. Grant A Bty C.R.A. 8th Bn. C Bty Troops
McFadyen Archie R.A.F.

SERGT. DOUGLAS SMITH

McGillivray Roy
McIntyre Gordon (K 153rd Bn.
McInnes Spr. John A. S.
McKechnie Flt. Lieut. R.A.F.
McKechnie Thomas (W) R.A.F.
McKechnie Charles X
McKeown Ernest D
McLean Don M. 153rd Bn.
McMahon Stan No. 7 C.B.N. C.A.M.C.
McMahon Sig. Tracey
McMahon Lance Corp. Law
McNair Wm. (K 153rd Bn.
McNamara Corp. Dennis 153rd Bn.
McPhaden Murray (X 153rd Bn.
McPhaden Capt. Dr. Arch. Cavalry
McPhaden Ivy 153rd Bn.

LT [illegible] E. WELLS

[illegible] C. Williams

[illegible]

RECEIVED MEDALS IN MOUNT PLEASANT

Following is a list of the soldiers who received medals presented by the citizens of Mount Pleasant on Monday August 25th 1919 at a Soldiers and Old Boys Reunion held on that date with sports and races on the preceding Sunday

Armstrong Methodist Wm Addison
Sergeant Albert A Bell
Bateman Lance Corporal Bateman
Private James Bedford
Private Max Bailey
Private Howard Berry
Private Warren Whitworth
Lance Corporal Sam Blackburn
Private A Bond
Private Harry Bradley
Major Rev John Bratton
Gunner John Brayshaw
Lieutenant Samuel Bright
Private Alex Brown
Private T J Brunsdon
Private James Bumbridge
Private A Burns
Private Alan Campbell
Captain W Campbell V C
Lance Corporal Percy Clarke
Private Clarence Cleave
Nursing Sister Annie Cook
Captain J Cooper
Sapper A McCullough
Private George Coughlin
Gunner Roy Mc
Sergeant James Crowe
Gunner
Sergeant John Cushen
Private James Davidson
Private
Private
Private Thomas
Private
Private
Private
Private
Lieutenant
Private
Private

Private Wm Parker
Private George Parry
Private Alfred Perry
Private Wm
Private James
Private Wesley
Private
Private Chris Reid
Lieutenant Ready
Private Wm
Private George M Ridley
Private George Rood
Private George Rust

J. H. [illegible]

HENRY CHILTON

[illegible]

THOMAS CHARLES CHRISTIAN

[illegible]

Town of Mount Forest

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THE MUNICIPALITY OF MOUNT FOREST

Pioneer History

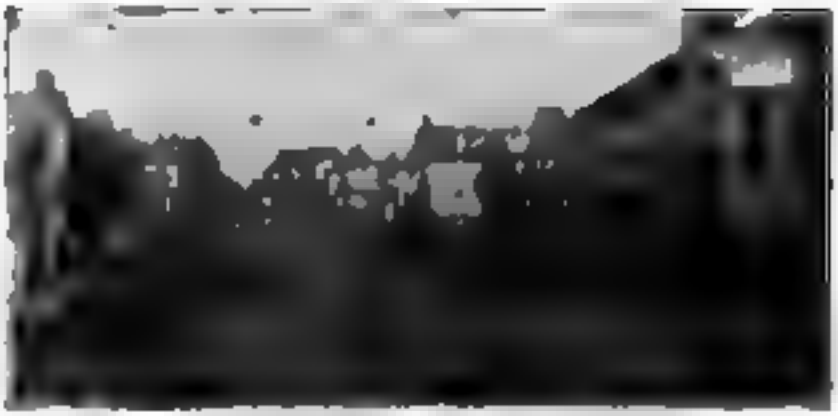
What is now the Town of Mount Forest was primeval forest a century ago and less. Clay on the Arthur road, five miles from that location, was to them a beyond and was visited only by wandering red men and very few white settlers. Along this road the first settlers came. Arthur Township was surveyed in 1831 and 1832 a few squatting settlers having come in before the. The only road was a blazed path through the bush.

Mount Forest, though mainly in a part of the county of Wellington in early township, lay in the county of Grey. Queen street being the dividing line between the two counties. Portions of the township of Arthur, Normanby and Egremont were included in the original survey which was made by Charles Rankin in 1848-49.

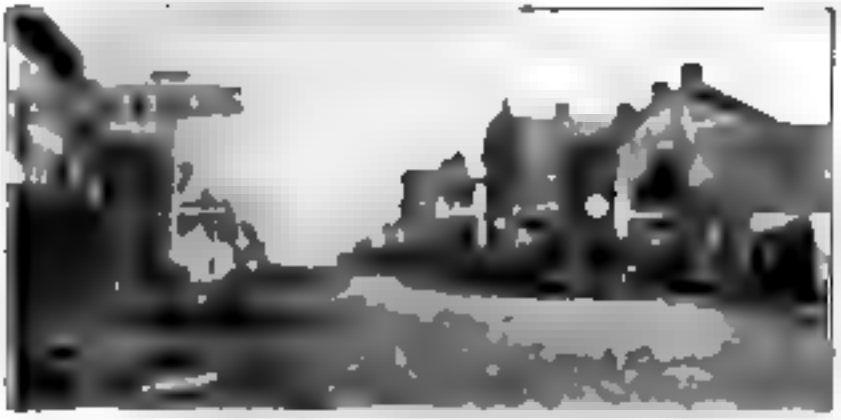
1904 QUEEN STREET (NORTH) NORTH (S.)

Left: Queen [illegible] & [illegible] Jas. McKinnon &
Right: Wm. H[illegible]

The town is located in the south-eastern part of the township, principally north of the river. Owing to a sudden change in the river's course, the original [illegible] by the Maitland and was named Charles Rankin, the surveyor, was a brother-in-law of [illegible]



[illegible] years on [illegible] and [illegible]. The older Region area to the present day as [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible] an exception that [illegible] appears to be under the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]



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Adams was Reeve Thomas Smith Samuel Archer John Naismith and John Jobb were Councillors and William Baldwin was Clerk

Incorporation as a town took place in 1874 and the first Council in 1875 consisted of Thomas Reid Mayor James McMullen Reeve J A Hamilton Wm Reid [illegible] Joseph Kingston Dr McNaughton James Reid John Reynolds Thomas Rutherford Stephen Sharp and Wm W Wright Reid [illegible] Wright Reeve Baldwin Clerk

DAM ON THE SAUGEEN RIVER, MOUNT FOREST

The [illegible] years old The spring [illegible] The old bridge [illegible] with ice on [illegible] to the right of the road was at one time owned by Thomas Mc[illegible] che later by W[illegible] and was demolished years ago [illegible] by Wm Sibbald now owned by W A Turner The houses further up the street [illegible] short y before [illegible]

Village Councillors of Mount Forest

Thomas G Smith 1865 63 Dr Samuel Archer 1865 66 John Naismith 1865 Reeve from Oct 66 John Jobb 1865-68 Robert Kilgour 1865 from September 66 70 1 2 75 David Yeomans 1866 Reeve until Sept [illegible] Henry H Stovel 1866 [illegible] 2 3 75 James C Wilcox 1867 68 William Henderson 1867 John Robinson 1868 Henry Yarker 1868 69 James Scott 1869 James M [illegible] 1869 70 71 2 75 76 A T Ferguson 1869 Dr Alfred E [illegible] 2 74 2 75 John Ross

[illegible] James M Mu[illegible] [illegible] Thomas Swan [illegible] William W Winfield [illegible] Eugene Murphy [illegible] Josiah Hampton [illegible] James Reid [illegible] Lawrence H Tremaine [illegible] Wm Hoodless [illegible]

Village Clerks

William Swan was the first clerk in 1881. In 1882 Alex Reid [illegible] was clerk [illegible] and was at his death in August [illegible] William Hallowell acted by [illegible] a temporary appointment. He was succeeded by W. J. Perry who was clerk when Mount Forest was incorporated as a town.

Village Treasurers

Thomas Reid was Treasurer in 1881 and for nine months in 1882. H Tremaine was Treasurer in [illegible] Thomas G Smith from [illegible] when [illegible] a Town [illegible]

Village Officials and Their Pay

The [illegible] of the Village of Mount Forest on January [illegible] passed a by-law [illegible] officers for the year [illegible] Treasurer [illegible] Assessment [illegible] Collector $[illegible] Auditors $[illegible] each Solicitor John Sheppard [illegible] Engineer [illegible] Chief Constable Henry Varley $[illegible] and Constables [illegible] each. [illegible] Assessor [illegible] Treasurer [illegible] Collector [illegible] Auditors [illegible] each Solicitor [illegible] Engineer [illegible] Chief Constable [illegible] Assessor

First Town Council and Officers

[illegible] the Archives [illegible] the Minute Book [illegible] the Town of Mount Forest [illegible] the following [illegible]

The first municipal election was held on the 20th December 1881 when the following gentlemen were elected to form the Council of the Town of Mount Forest:

Thomas Swan J P Mayor James McMullen Esquire J P Reeve Josiah Hampton [illegible] Deputy Reeve

Councillors

William Cavanagh [illegible] James A Halsted Private Banker William Henderson [illegible] Joseph Knight Iron Founder Neil McMillan Tailor James Reid Merchant John Reynolds Carpenter Thomas Ross Blacksmith Henry [illegible] Esquire J P William W Winfield [illegible] Merchant Henry Varley Carpenter Lawrence H Tremaine Druggist

Municipal Officers

William [illegible] Perry Clerk Thomas G Smith Treasurer Charles Dudley Assessor James Dowding Chief Constable Thomas Wood, Collector James [illegible] and Samuel A Gardner Auditors John McFadyen Solicitor

Mayor Swan in his inaugural address which is inserted in full in the minute book called attention to the advisability of establishing an

efficient system of drainage in the town, to consider the matter of Fire Protection in the putting up of a few street lamps, and to re-establish a more efficient Police system.

At the second meeting the selection of officers were found as follows (March 1890) Re-elected Treasurer $50 Assessor and Electors per $50 Collector ½ of 1 per cent Road Commissioner $25 Constable $50

Mayors

Thomas Ryan 1890-1 J Hampson 1892 J A Halsted 1893 97 98 99-00 1900-01 Wm Cavanaugh 1895 96 98 99 1901-2 Thos Martin 1902 Wm Fraser 1903-04-05-06 Jno A Jones 1907-08 Jno H P Alley 1909-10-11 Wm J Cook 1912-13 Thomas Martin 1914 16 A E Clarke 1915 H A O M Jackson 1917-18 Dr George Bostock 1919-20

Chiefs of Board Patrol

1 As a village - Wm Tomlinson 1913 - Jas Jobb 1906 Thomas Ryan 1890-91-92-3 John Robertson 1894-5-6-7-8 Robert Kilgour 1899-1900 James McMurray 1901-2-3-4

2 As a town James McMurray 1905 Joseph Hampson 1905-06-07-08-09-10-11-12 William Cavanaugh 1913-14 W W Winfield 1914 James A Halsted 1915-16-17 Alex M Martin 1918-19 From 1907 to 1920 the town was represented in the county council by J Hampson as mayor of the urban members from serving on the committee having Board Patrol matters out of the Township delivered by Reeves J A McMullen 1907 A E Clarke 1908 W H McMurray 1909 to 1914 John Hampson 1911 to 1920 Thos H Ellis 1915 & 1917

Deputy Reeves

Joseph Hampson 1907 William Cavanaugh 19 William W Winfield 1911-12-13 Thos A Jones 1914 John A Fraser 1915-16-17 John Reynolds 1918 Wm M Kingston 19 Alex Lawson 1920 Wm Wilson 1919-20-21-22-23 William Grant 1924 John P Thomson 1927-28

There were no Deputy Reeves while Board Patrol was a village after the Act was passed in 1890 a reduce the number of county councillors the Reeves and Deputy Reeves had no seat in the county council which was where the work of representation was again changed From 1890 to 1906 there was no position of Reeve or Deputy Reeve After 1906 the office was not restored to a Deputy Reeve

Town Councillors

William Cavanaugh 1894-96 James A Halsted 1890-91-92-1901-02 William Henderson 1894 Joseph Kilgour 1890 to 1898 Wm Wilson 1890-1 92-96 James Reid 1890-1 96-98 to 1900 John Reynolds 1890-92-96-1904-06 Thomas Ryan 1890 to 93-95-96 to 1900 Henry M Storm 1890 to 1906 William W Winfield 1890-91 Henry Tarbet 1890-91 Lawrence M Yarrington 1890 James Bennett 1891 John Scott 1891-92 Edward C Wood 1891-92 Alex Latchford 1892-93-94-96

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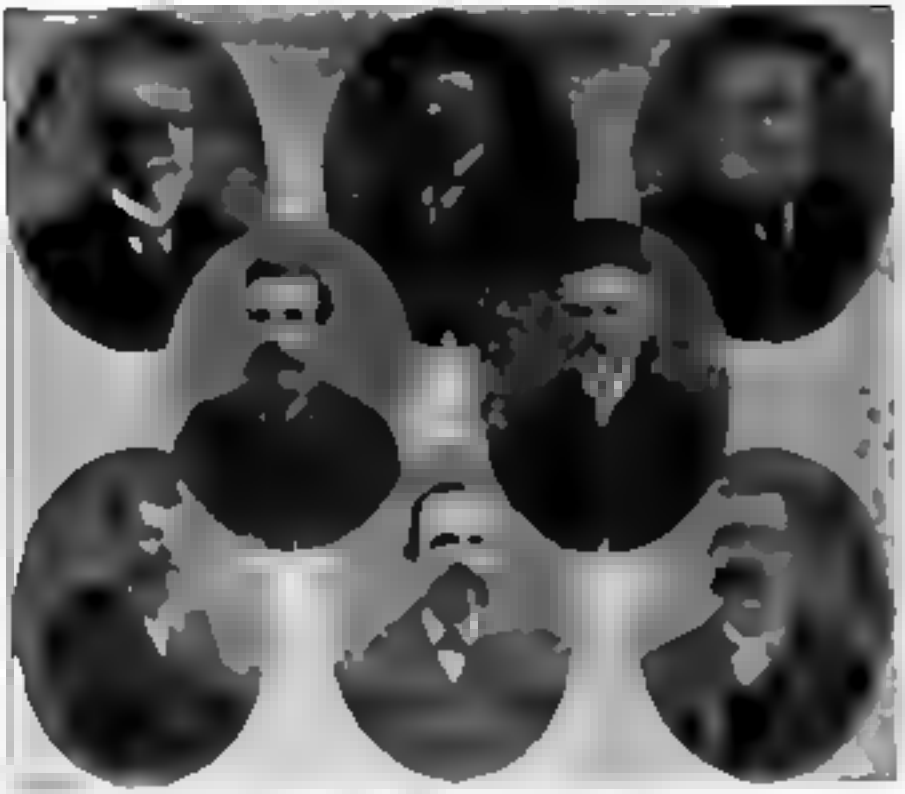

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[illegible] Hall

Top Row — [illegible] G. F. [illegible] T. [illegible] A. [illegible] J. A. Lapsley. Bottom Row — W. C. [illegible] J. A. McMillen, [illegible] C. A. Jones, Mayor [illegible] A. Daley, T. H. Walker.

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Woollen Mill -Guelph Felt Company Limited Wm Pickup Manager
J Campbell General Blacksmith Sleighs &c
F Morris—General Blacksmith
Alex. Cashmette General Blacksmith
W M Grout & Son Chopping
T H Rice Chopping. Elevator

PRINCIPAL TRADES OF BUSINESS, 1927

(West side of Main Street going South

Empress Hotel A R Holland. Proprietor
McQuaig & Connor Fruit and Vegetables
A-1 Garage— Flynn Bros Proprietors Motor Repairs Accessories Battery Charging etc
Maple Leaf Moving Picture Theatre Val Burke Proprietor
Jas Ellis Estate Groceries. Flour Feed
H S Tebbutt Ladies and Mens Tailoring
J P Norman Hardware. Tinsmithing. Plumbing. Stoves, Furnaces Paints Oils. Shingles. Lumber
Chas. Williamson. Barber
Charles Chong Laundry
C Moffat. Boot and Shoe Repairing
J Parker Dry Goods Groceries etc
Harry E Clarke Division Court Clerk
T Clarke— Dry Goods Groceries, Boots and Shoes
J J Thornton & Sons Hardware Stoves Furnaces Paints and Oils, Tinsmithing and Plumbing
Rogers & Kilgour. Millinery Parlors
G F Lockburn Insurance. Real Estate
Dr W H Gilroy Dentist
Hugh Elliott Drugs. Groceries Stationery Canadian Pacific Exp
Mt Forest Garage Geo Langdon Proprietor Auto Repairs and Accessories
A Maundrell Butcher
G F Bateman Dry Goods Groceries. Manties Furs
J T Shales & Co Jewellery Machinery Wallpaper Toys Books Canadian Pacific Telegraph and Ticket Office
A R Clarke.- Barrister and Solicitor
J B Moon Barrister and Solicitor Town Clerk
St Albans Lodge A F & A M No 206 Hall
Mrs M Devereli Restaurant Ice cream Parlor Groceries
J E Phillip & Son Jewellery Watches Books
J R Anderson. Star Grocery and Chas Hall
Lyons & Gillen Boots and Shoes. Travelling Goods
J H Addison— Merchant Tailor Mens and Boys Furnishings Boots and Shoes
E E Penwarden. Drugs Stationery Confectionery Canadian National Telegraph and Express
Dominion Bank H R Hawthorne Manager

Duff Patterson Restaurant ... Cream Parlor
I. Bondt Fruit ... Groceries
The Hampton Millinery Mrs E Robinson Proprietress
C Thompson Bakery and Confectionery
J H Yeaghout Butcher
Superior Stores ... Meats Groceries Flour
Grand Central Hotel E Frenell Proprietor
Wm Pfaff Furniture
Dr G F Allen Dentist
J W Taylor Merchant Tailor Mens and Boys Furnishings
W A Trimble Music Teacher Business College
Mt Forest Sun W Ing Hop Proprietor
W Thompson Boot and Shoe Repairer
J A Harper Harness Maker Boot and Shoe Repairer
Geo Preston Boots and Shoes
H J Pure ... Watches and Clocks
Ford Garage Stock Hire Depot Ford Cars Fordson Tractors Sales Accessories
M K Yeomans Drugs Groceries Stationery Toys Confectionery
J Barnard Grocer ... Post Office
A E Jones Barber
V E ... Music Teacher
T Scott & Co Departmental Store Groceries Dry Goods Millinery Furnishings Boots and Shoes
Dominion Store Groceries R H Glover Manager
Mrs ... Ladies and Mens Clothing Boots and Shoes
Green Bros Butcher
Weston & McPherson Furniture Dealers Undertaking Parlors
Belmont Hotel M ... Proprietor
East Side of Main Street going South
American Hotel ... Proprietor
C W Reid Implements Agent Buggies
A E Caudle Implements
S Kloepfer Butcher
H S Marshall Harness Maker Boots and Shoes Travelling Goods
Carnegie Public Library Miss Margaret Hunter Librarian
W W ... Furniture Dealer Undertaking Parlors
W McLachan Auctioneer and Assessor
Post Office Miss M ... Postmistress
Dr J H Argue Physician and Surgeon Wellington St West
Dr A J Reynolds Physician and Surgeon Corner Wellington St West Main St
Dr A E Perry Physician and Surgeon Coroner M O H Mt Forest
Dr McPhaden Physician and Surgeon Wellington St East
Dr T D McKie Physician and Surgeon Wellington St East
Dr J Triphammer ... Wellington St East
C. I. Allen Insurance Real Estate Town Treasurer
Bank of Montreal E R Yale Manager

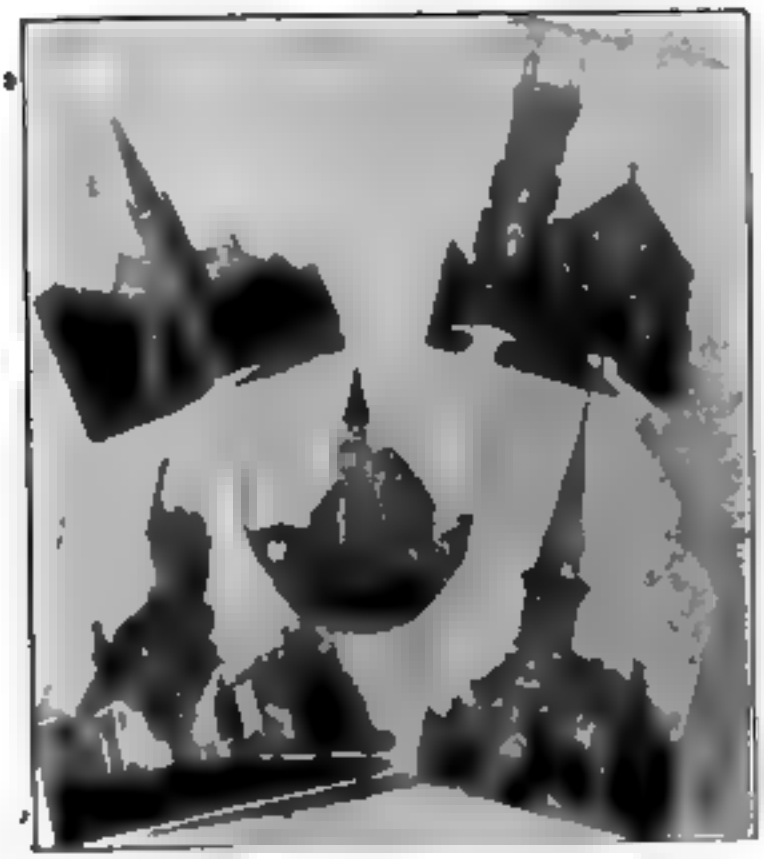
A Bennett [illegible] Junk Poultry Raw Furs
Dr E A Reed Dentist
J W [illegible]
L F S LeWarne [illegible] Picture Frames, Cameras
[illegible]
Wm [illegible] and Clock Repairing
Canada Permanent [illegible]
Mount [illegible]
N D Ferguson [illegible]
Dr McCreary [illegible]
Royal Bank [illegible]
Independent [illegible]
Independent [illegible]
A J Corbett Machine Work
G E Fraser Tinsmithing Stoves Furnaces. Plumbing.
E Murphy Flour Feed Groceries Hardware Paints Oils. Dry Goods Shoes
James McMullen & Son [illegible]
K Church Pump Shop
J [illegible] Implements Agent Hoggins, Cutters
A Matchett [illegible] Repairs
F Bryant Carriage [illegible]
S Buchanan Bakery
W Orr & Son Flour Feed Groceries Harness
Armstrong & Fish [illegible] and Feed Stables
M Brodsky Junk Furs Poultry Furs

CHURCHES OF MOUNT FOREST

Anglican St. Paul's Church

The following sketch is based on one prepared for the consecration of the church by Rural Dean Sills on Sept 23 1912 by his Lordship Bishop Clark.

In the early fifties of the past century services were occasionally held at private houses in the settlement by Rev J P Treleaven and Rev J A [illegible] Services were also held in the first Public School which was a modest building of logs. In 1856 the [illegible] having given site for a church at the south end of the village preparations were made for the erection of a suitable place of worship. In 1858 Rev Stewart Houston M A was appointed to Arthur village N Arthur and Mount Forest St place of residence being Arthur from which he subsequently removed to Mount Forest although he continued in charge of the three missions. In 1864 he was succeeded by Rev W R Foster during whose incumbency the first church was considerably enlarged. This clergyman resigned the parish in spring of 1870 his successor being Rev W J Mackenzie who continued in charge until the autumn of 1875 when the Bishop of the newly



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By [illegible]

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REV PATRICK J O'CONNELL

Rev Father P J O'Connell became pastor of St Mary's Church May 21st 1941 with Father J J O'Connell assistant. Father P J O'Connell remained from August 15th to the end of June 1941 when Father J J Feeley assisted from July 1st to the middle of September of that year. The Rev Father P Hartley became assistant and remained until the end of January 1942.

Father O'Connell became pastor of Mount Pleasant from 1942 until his death. Rev Father J [illegible] was assistant from September 1st 1942 to October 1942.

Father O'Connell took a look at the pastorate at Mount Pleasant at this time and reported that his death February 2nd 1943

During Father O'Connell's pastorate [illegible] and in 1942 he had his house [illegible] made his eyesight failing. [illegible] was presented to St Mary's Church which was destroyed by fire in the summer of 1941 was replaced by [illegible] and sold.

Prior to the arrival of Father O'Connell's priest at Mount Pleasant [illegible] had been [illegible] was attended from Mount Pleasant. Arklow was a united [illegible] Mount Pleasant until 1942. From was attended from Mount Pleasant until 1947.

In 1941 a new parish was established at Avondale Arklow had its own priest from Mount Pleasant.

Father T J Ryan was appointed parish priest of St Mary's church after the death of Father O'Connell and took charge March 1st 1943 remained as priest until [illegible] when he was succeeded by Rev M J Nolan.

Visitors continued until 1927

Rev Father Nolan's priest kept up many and [illegible] until his death on the 4th of February 1944 at the age of 62 years. He was succeeded by the Rev Father Albert Alexander Cappe also of Dublin diocese and a [illegible] being detective. He ran at the age of only 39 years was called by death on June 4th 1951. Since then the St Mary's parish has

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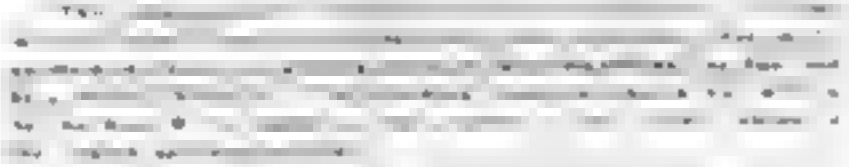

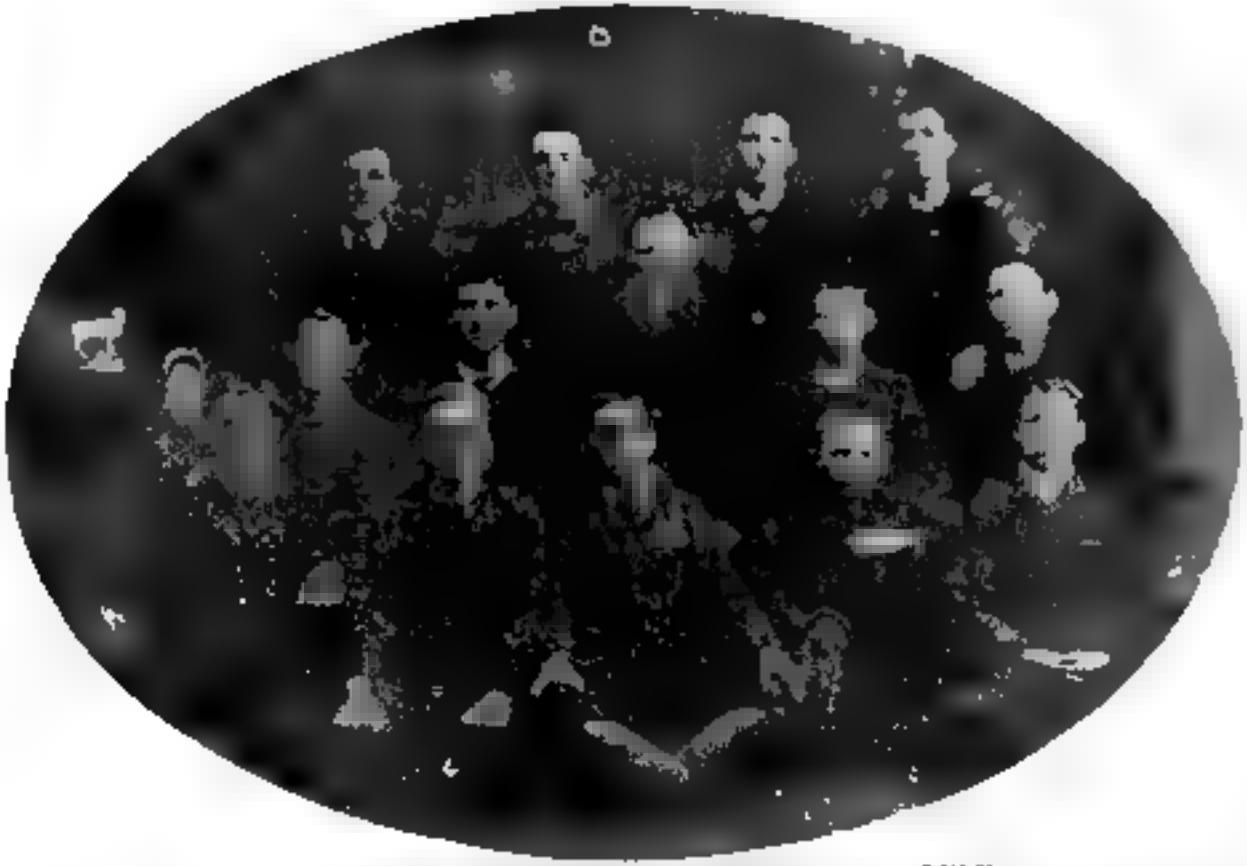

AN OLD TIME BIBLE CLASS GROUP OF KNOX CHURCH

Top Row Tom Dale Tom Sharpe Jack Rose [illegible] Middle Row Joe Kilgour W Scott John McCall J W MacNeill Tom Rowe [illegible] Fred Dale James Bowie Phil Yeomans Kerr McMunn

[illegible]

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Mr Van Naughan said he would have to comply with his request and reserved he had to Mr Trainor and entered it to the Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon as a gift from the crowds. After he had done that Mr Burns said "I have Mr VanNaughner when you have a church I we have [illegible] have a preacher too." So we got the one for her [illegible]

When we had been our first church in Mr Burns opened [illegible] I can remember by preached and [illegible] background he can remember. The congregation was there largely from the country. He suggested that as we had no service in the evening he would advise us to go to the Episcopal Church and he himself was going. Now Mr Auld was then minister and in some way he got a hymn [illegible] We were in the church and during the singing of the 8 or hymns came down and took the [illegible] up to the pulpit and just as they reached the platform the hymn was finished and Mr Burns stood and his face old face to the congregation and said "I prayed [illegible] the Pioneer of God go up [illegible] and he

[illegible]

[illegible] can remember it was Mr [illegible] Trainor came to Chairman [illegible] amongst [illegible] the big church [illegible] church and I am glad [illegible] a lady feeling has grown [illegible] members as our service age in [illegible] as and here at night [illegible] up their service because [illegible] was here and can [illegible] be heard We are the [illegible] that is The pastor be [illegible] Christ is the church and [illegible] Pauls & the pattern Christ [illegible] people

[illegible] and want to further [illegible] am very glad indeed [illegible] privilege of renewing [illegible] regarding be glad [illegible] pleasure as one of the oldest members here I feel as I said in the first place [illegible] to hand I was a [illegible] Presbytery may permit me [illegible] a member of the church and in connection with it [illegible] hope that He will take me to Himself when I am called away

[illegible]

Front Row [illegible] Russell Mary Ann Campbell Mary J Shipp [illegible] Martinian

Back Row Jessie Dreyer Mr T Martin Nellie Watson Mary Martinian

Notes On The Past Twenty Years, 1907 - 1927

In the Fall of 1907 after the Jubilee the Rev W G Hanna accepted a call to the work of the Lord's Day Alliance In the following May the Rev William Cooper of Port Perry was inducted as minister and remained until March 1912 to go to Brantford where he died on July 12th last He was succeeded here by the Rev Dr Donald N MacRae who was inducted on June 16th 1911 and as still minister

On September 23 and 24, 1925, the Golden Jubilee of the erection of the present church edifice was celebrated. Special services were held on the Sabbath. At the morning service the Rev D M Ramsay D D preached In the afternoon the Rev William Cooper dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper At the evening the Rev W G Hanna preached. A supper was served on Monday evening followed by a musical program and addresses by the Rev Dr MacRae, Rev G W Conners Rev James Stewart Rev Wm Cooper Rev P M McEachern Rev P W Richardson, Rev A P Latter and Messrs R J Dale, Wm W Smith and David Anderson Among those assisting with the music were Mr and Mrs A E Gibson Messrs. F Nicholson, J A Robertson, Chas Nicholson J S Ireland, F G McArthur Wel Crabble Jim Scott

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This congregation, formed by non-concurrents in the Union of 1925 has been worshipping in the Public Library having supply until this year when the Rev W Cooper Mercer was inducted as pastor minister in conjunction with the Presbyterian congregation at Ponsonby

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

This congregation, which was been established for a number of years here with several pastors has its place of worship on South Main Street and the present pastor is the Rev Walter Barker

THE SALVATION ARMY

This organization had a corps here some forty years ago but its operations were suspended until a few years ago when it began work again and has continued under a number of officers Last year the hall on Main Street was purchased

[illegible] PUBLIC LIBRARY

[illegible] from The Cadenzas of Dec. 1, [illegible]

The [illegible] Public [illegible] had its formal inception on February 5th, [illegible]. From the first there was no lack of the public use of the [illegible] as [illegible] opening day [illegible] the Public [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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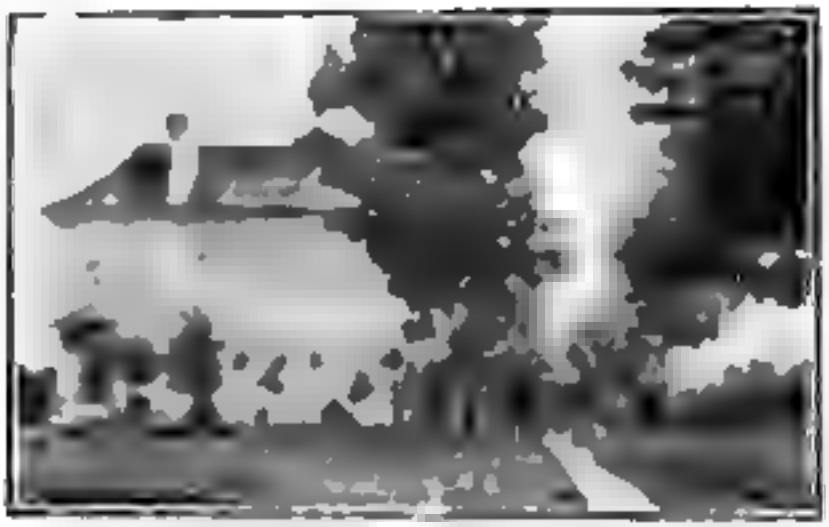

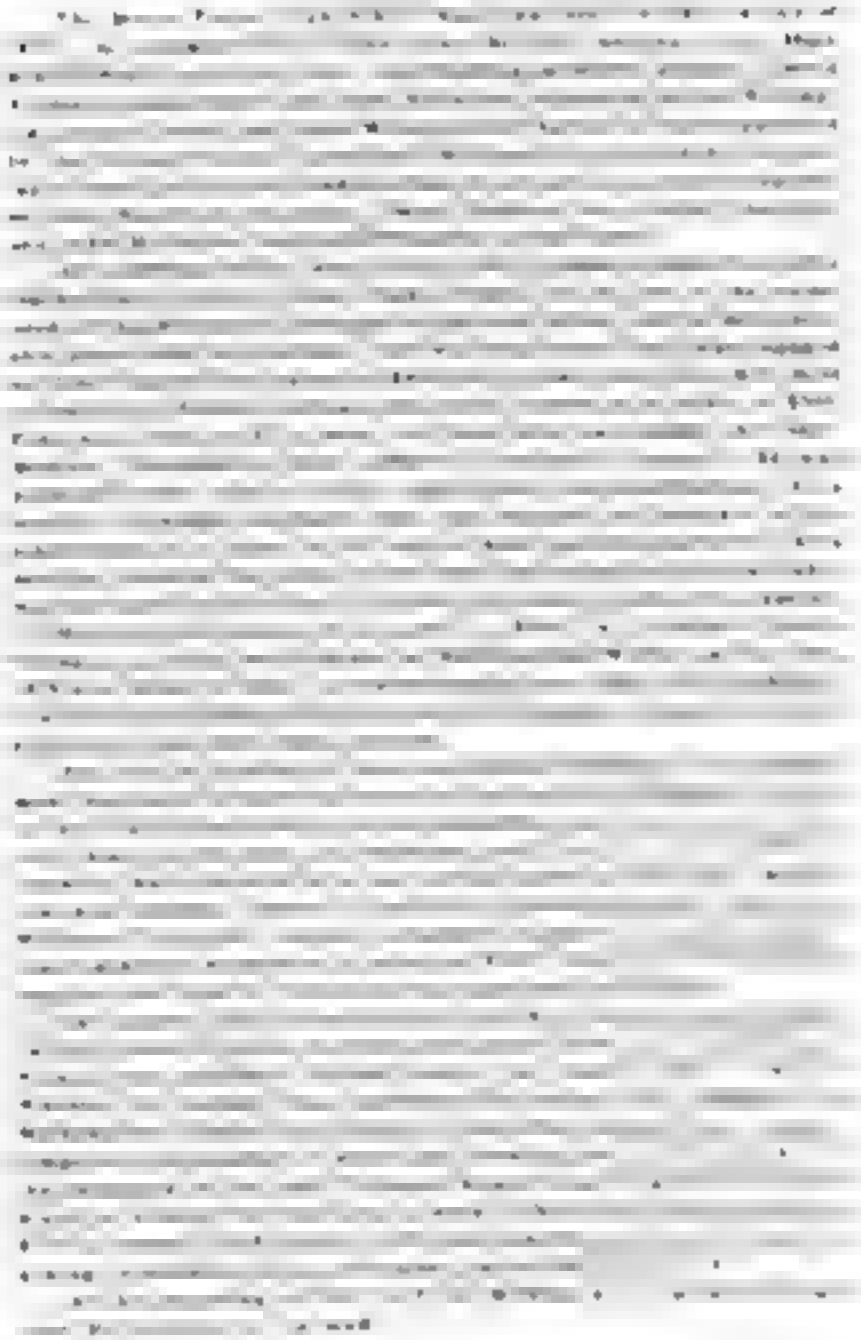

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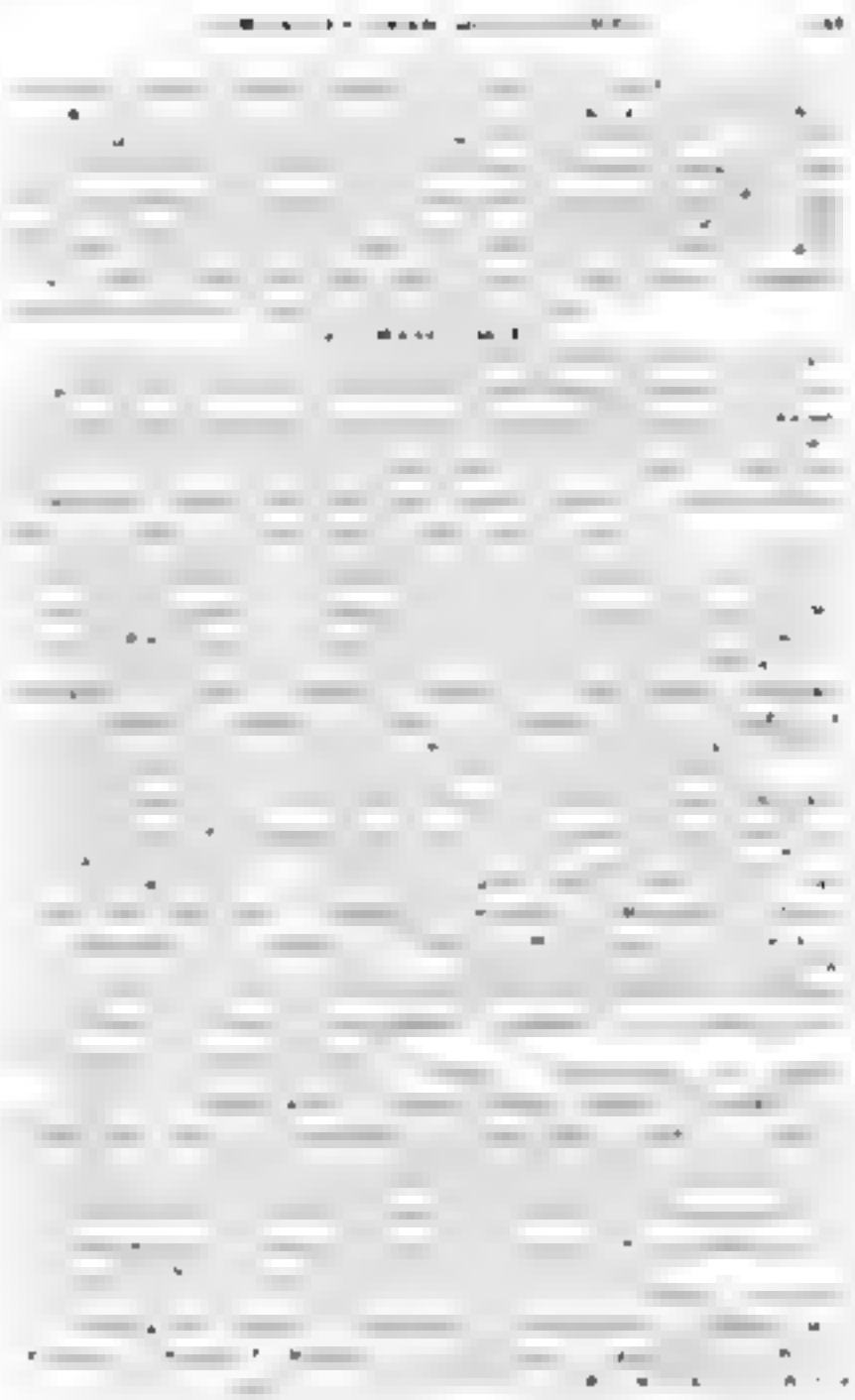

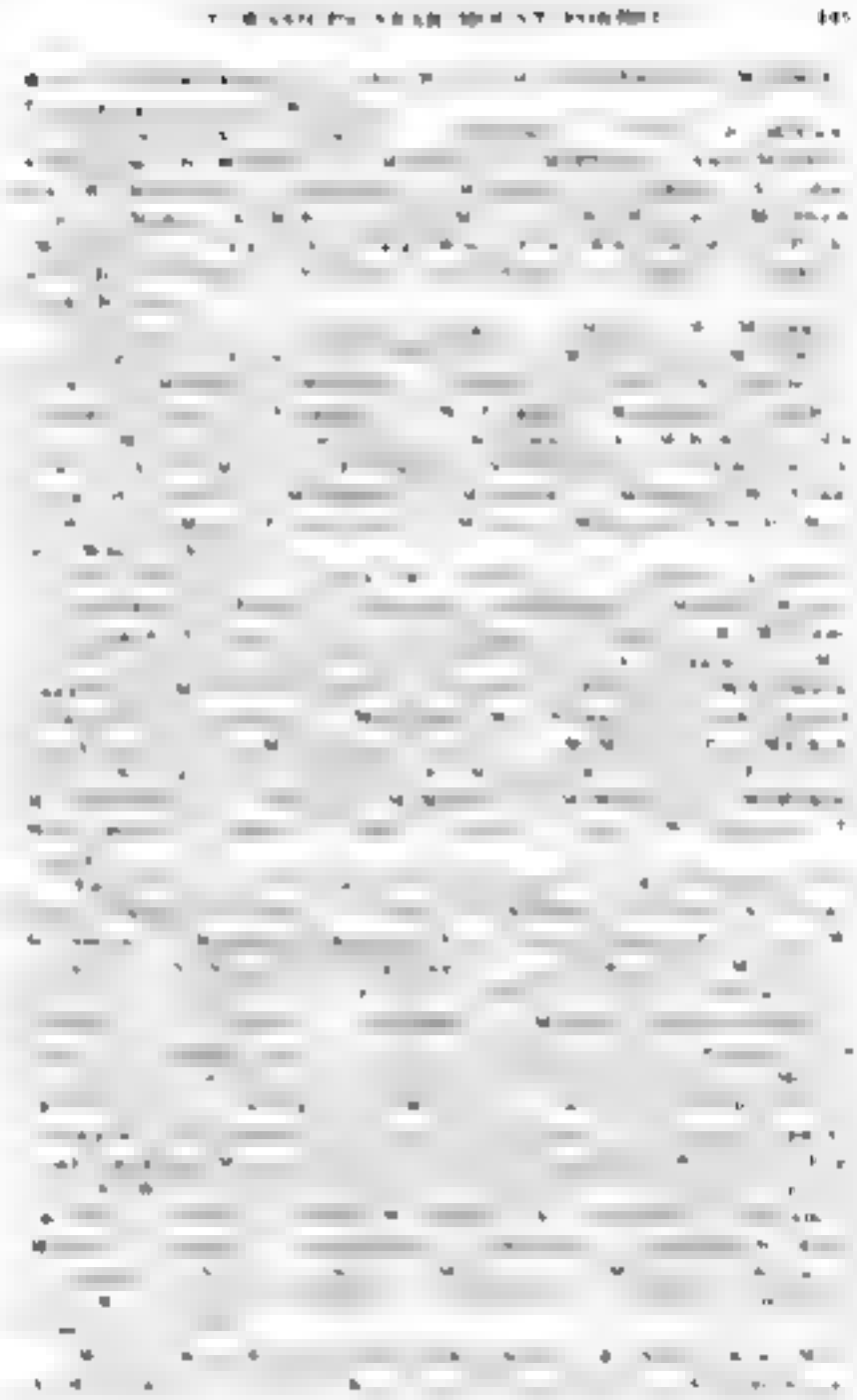

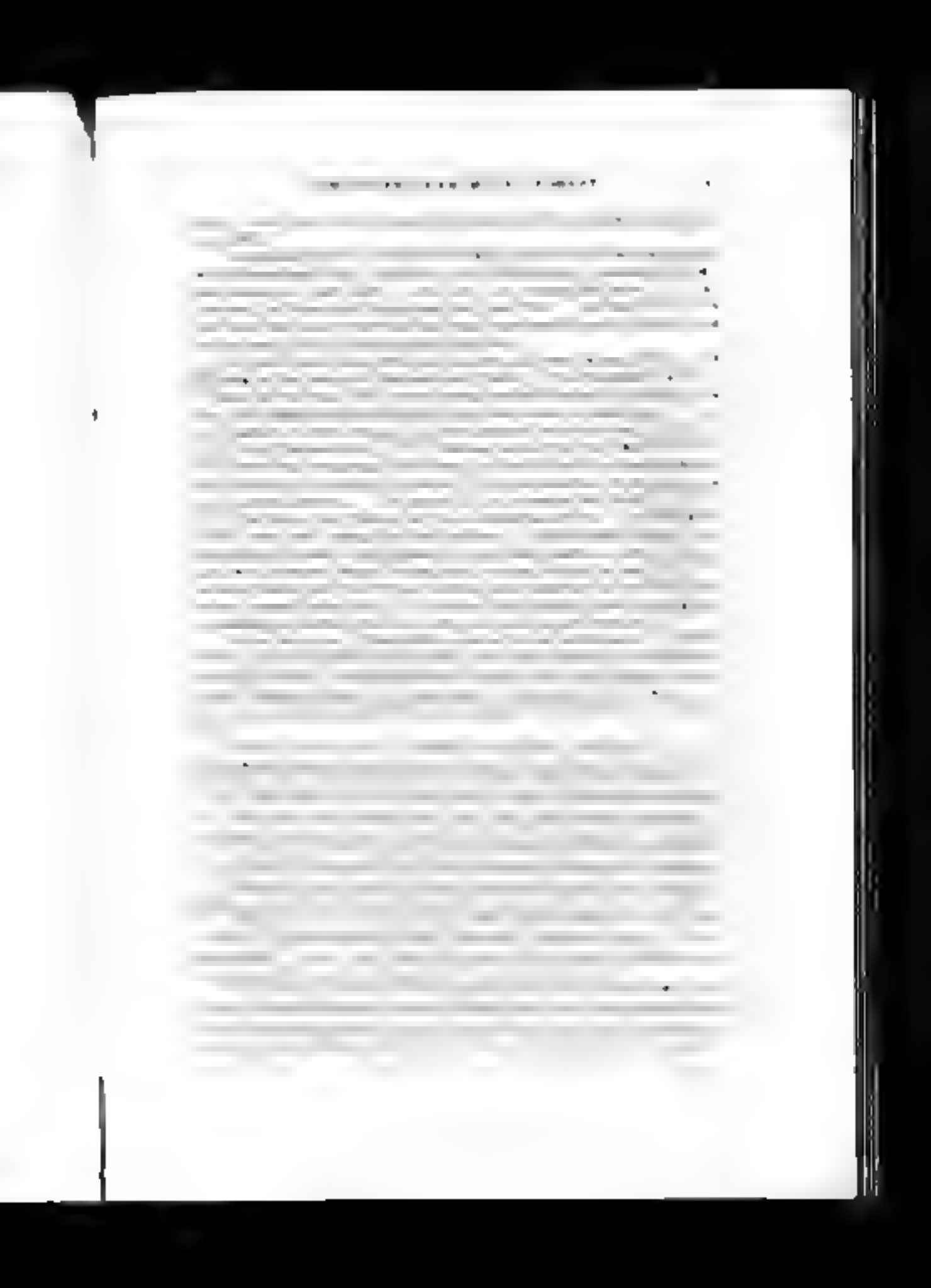

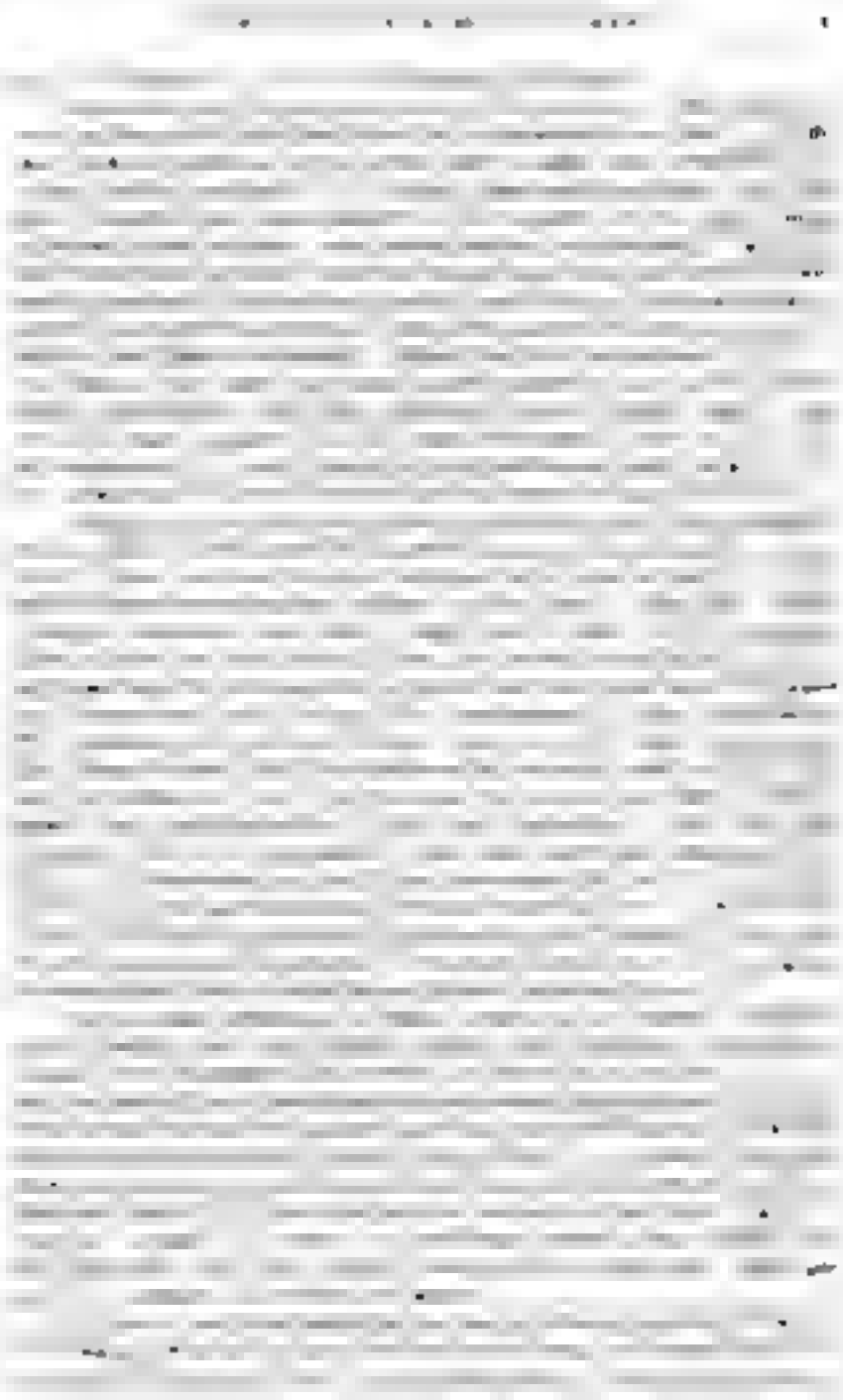

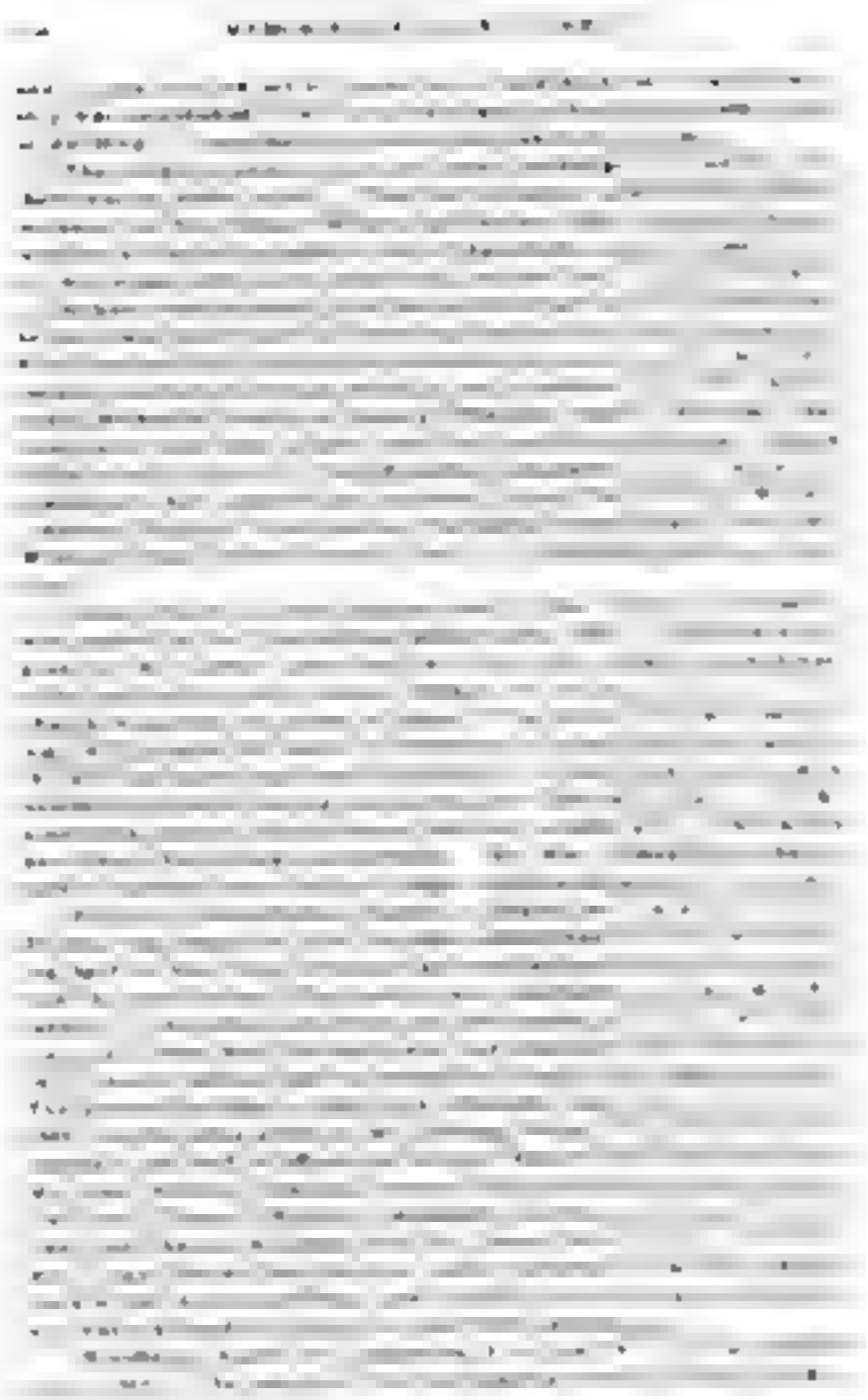

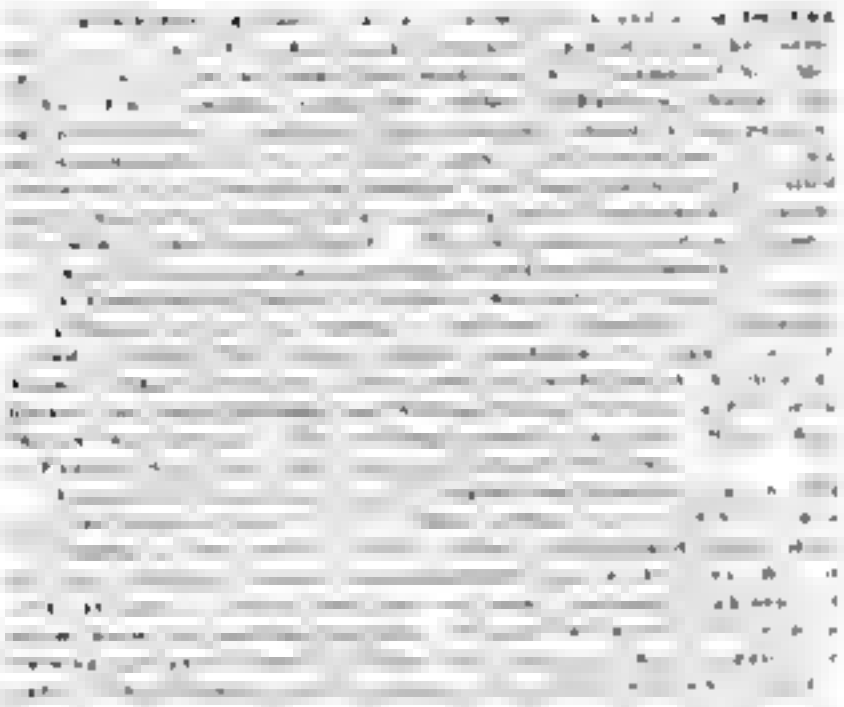

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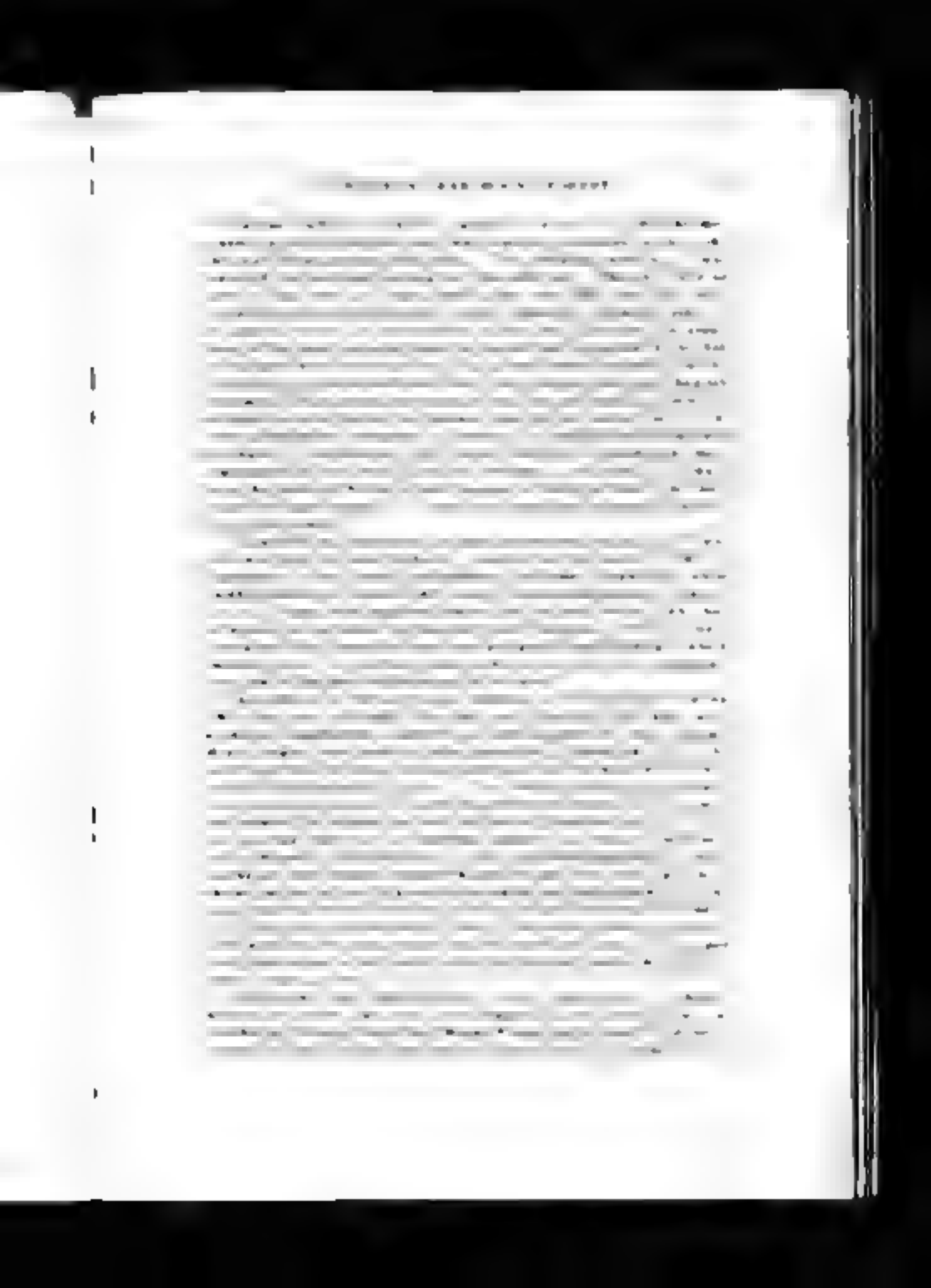

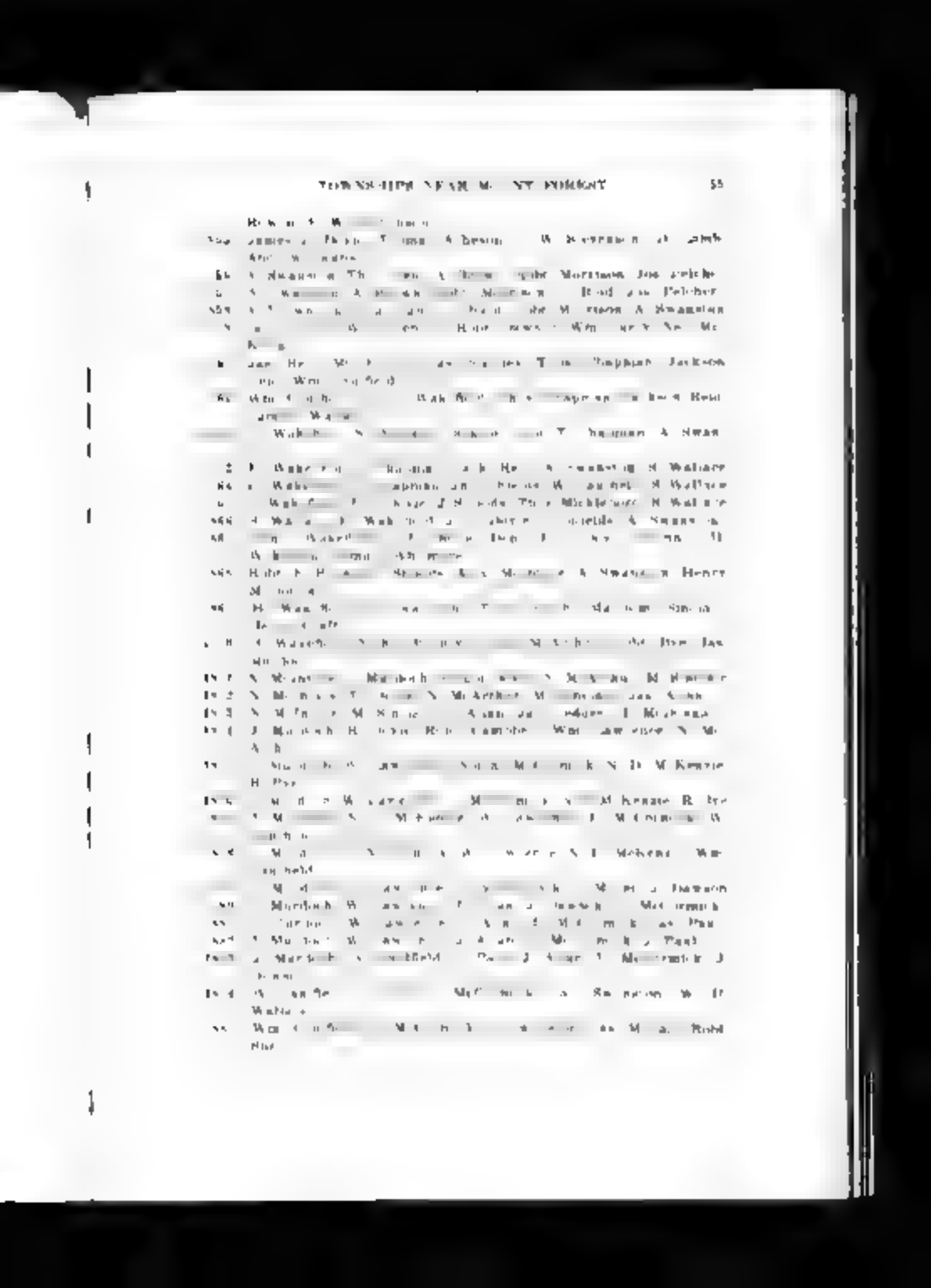

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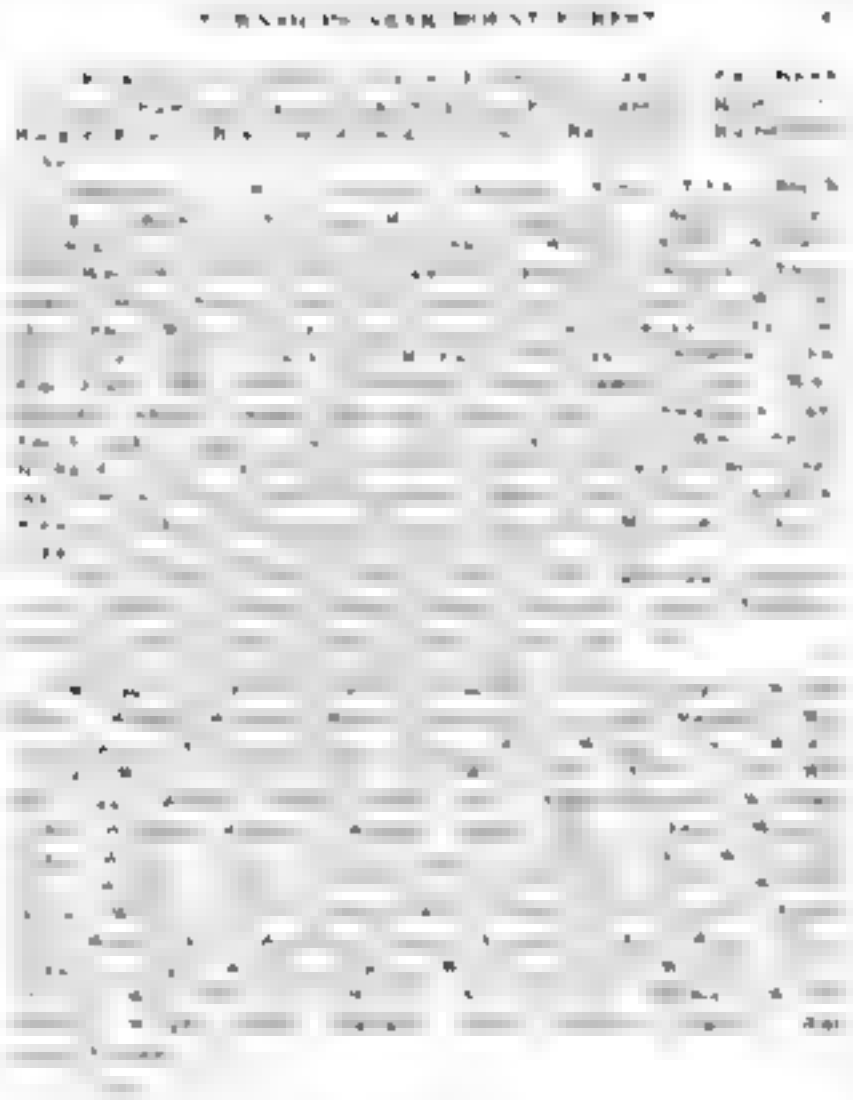

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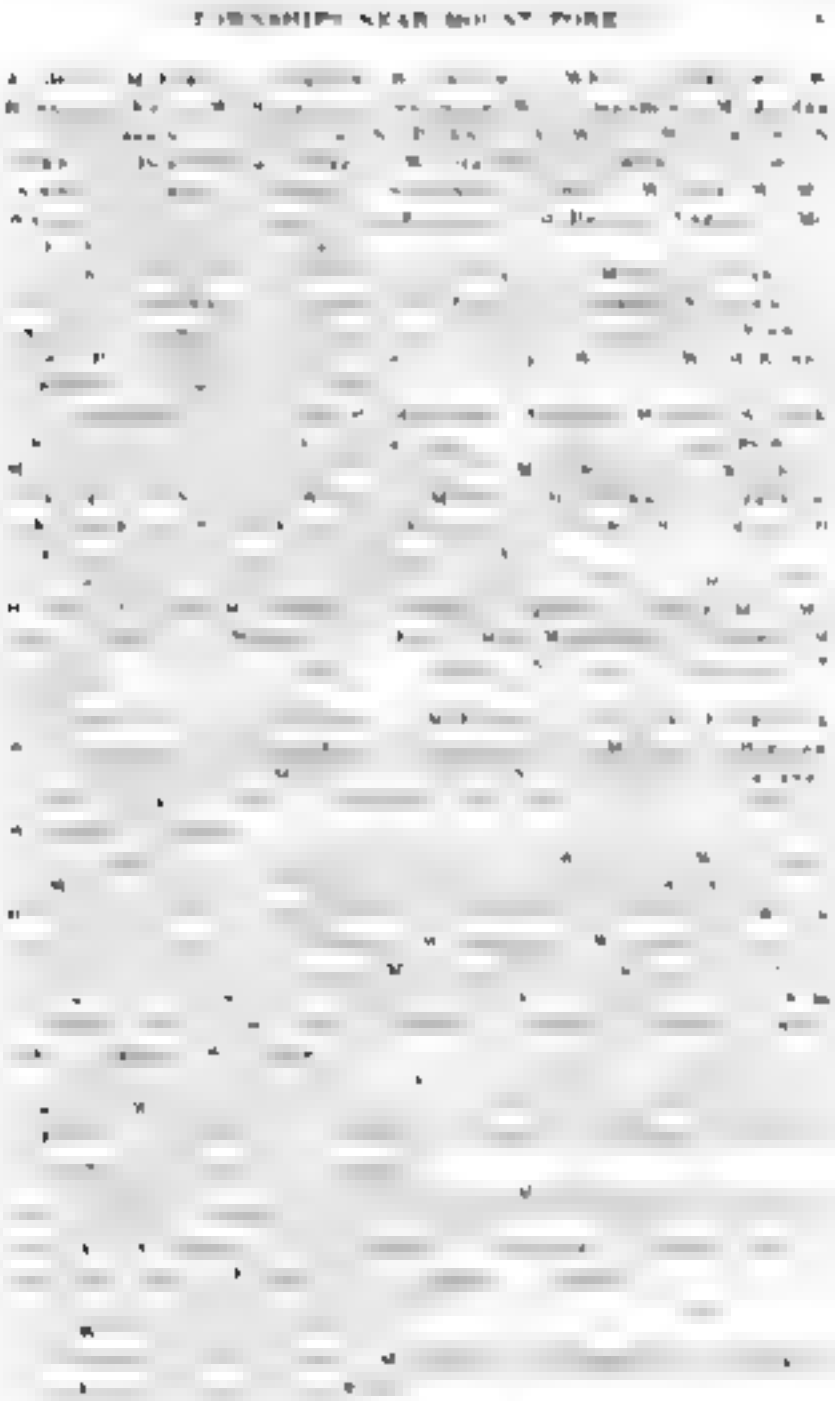

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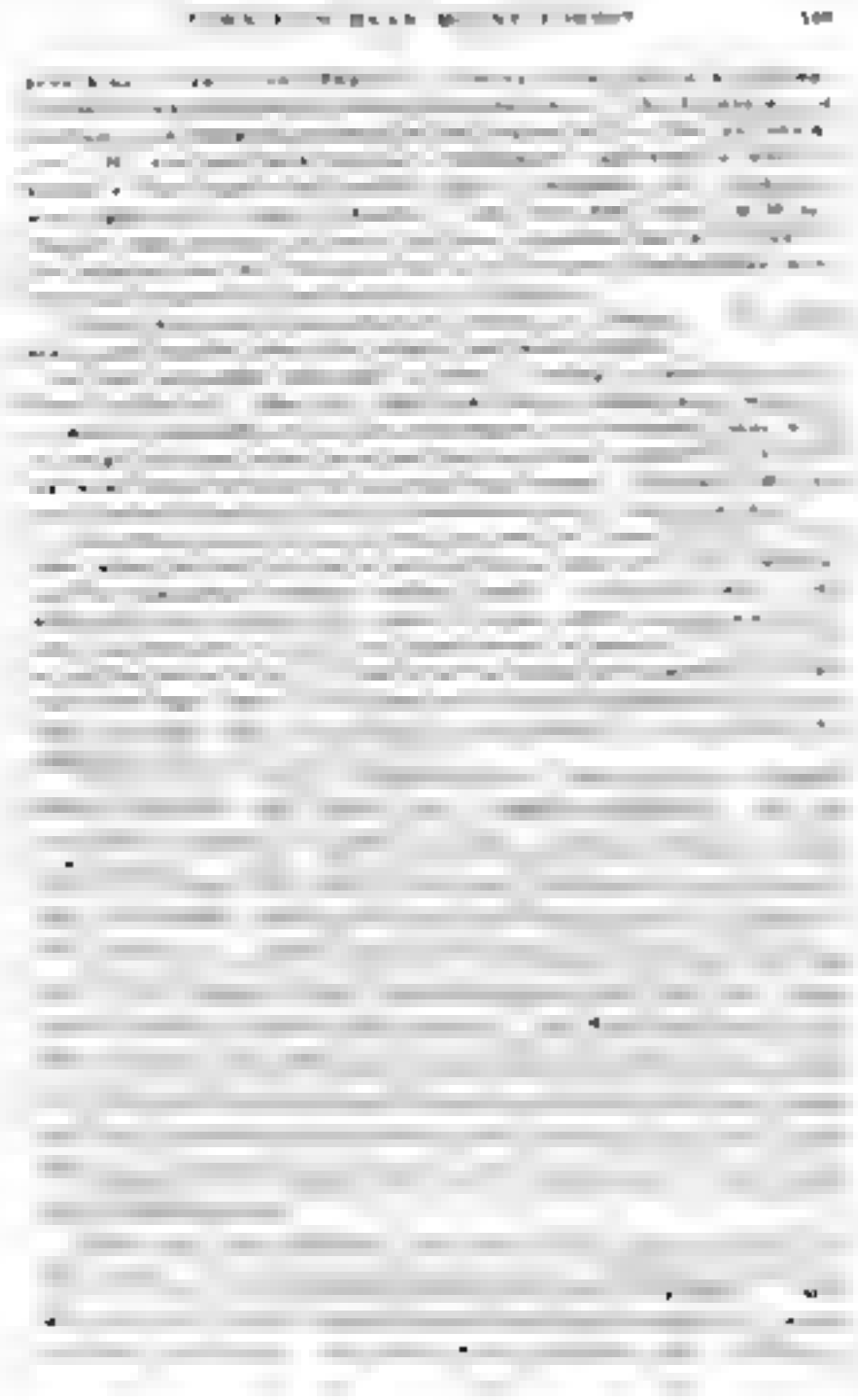

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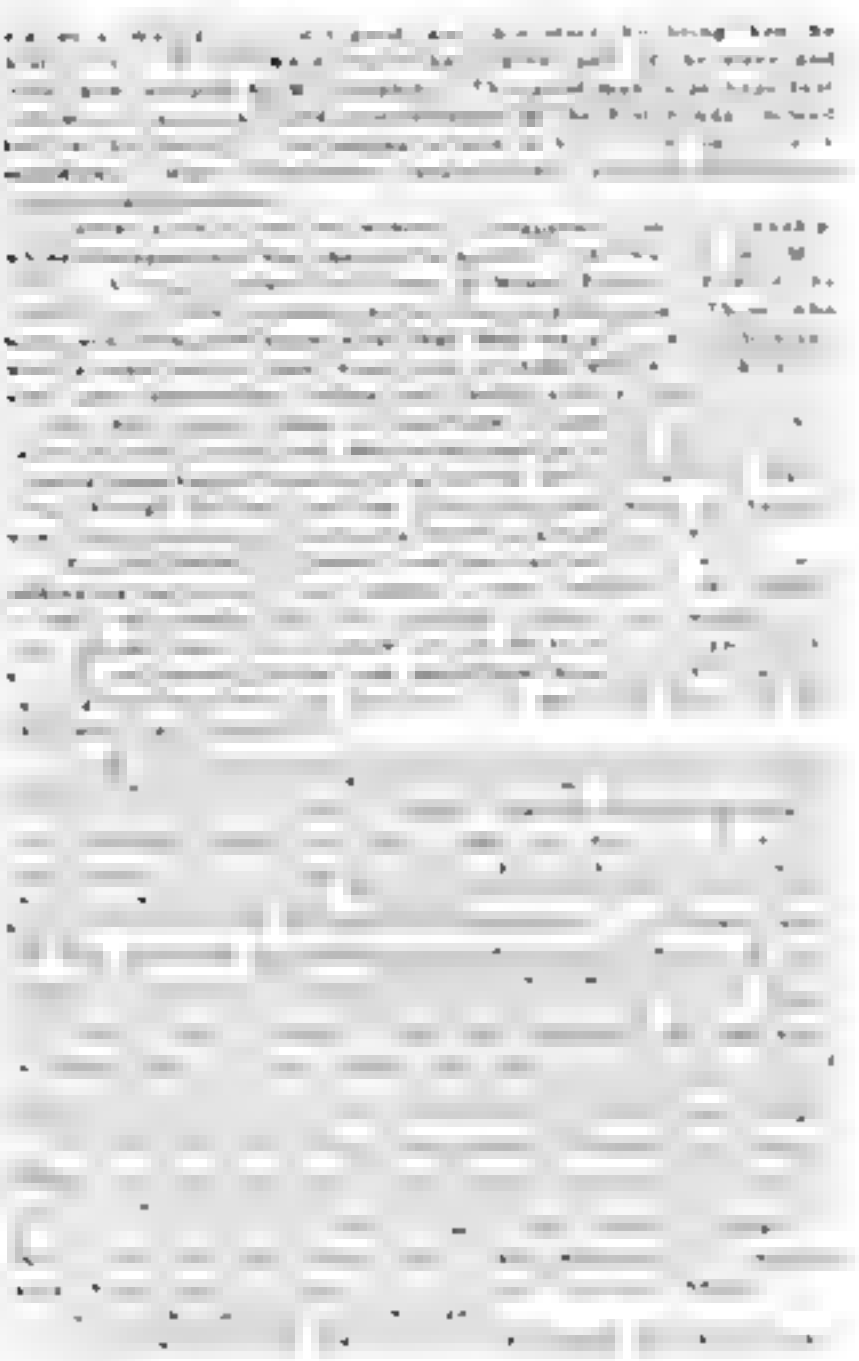

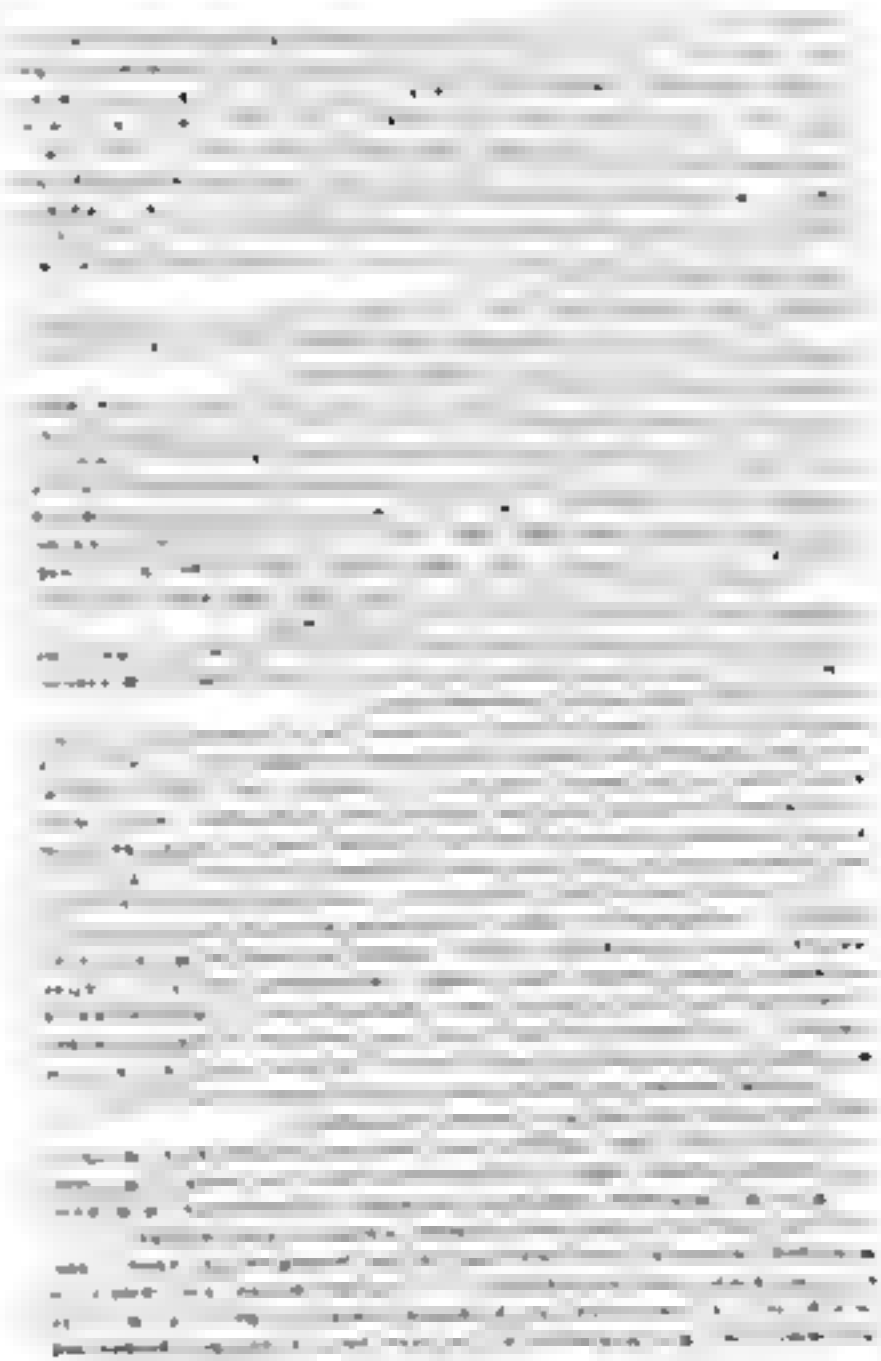

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CANADA

He shall have Dominion also from Sea to Sea,
And from the River unto the Ends of the Earth.

Psalm 72:8

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AN ASPIRATION

(Air "SCOTS WHA HAE")

O Canada my native land
Fair daughter of Britannia grand,
From thee all freedom's foes be banned,
All greed and treachery !

Thy skies are of the brightest blue,
Thy snows are of the chastest hue,
Then may thy sons be pure and true,
And spurn all villany

See field and forest, hill and dale,
Lake river, prairie, mountain vale,
Comprised within thy sweeping pale,
In peace and unity

'Tis thus the youthful nation pleads
With all her races tongues and creeds,
In lofty thoughts and noble deeds
To join in rivalry

Then down with all that causes strife,
And up with all that fosters life
On conduct false war to the knife,
Justice our policy !

A W W

Once Again

Once again we gladly meet,
Kith and kin we kindly greet,
And chat about the years agone.
A pause—and then we hasten on

Once again the sky is blue,
We find that still our friends are true,
Most happily we gather here
For sweet remembrance and good cheer

Once again this kindred band
Sees eye to eye gives hand to hand,
Rejoices in each other's weal,
Is sad for those who sorrow feel.

Once again young hearts beat free
With Faith, and Hope, and Charity,
Once again old bosoms glow
With memories of long ago.

Once again we mourn our dead
And wistfully we gaze ahead
Until the great Reunion come
In our eternal, happy Home

A W W

For Auld Lang Syne

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Preface

This volume is, in the main, a reprint of articles that appeared in The Mount Forest Confederate during the year 1927 as a humble contribution, in a local and individual way, to the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation.

It notes briefly our great Canadian celebration. It preserves, in more detail, some account of the history of the little home paper that had the honor to be founded in the year of Confederation and to derive its name from that auspicious circumstance.

Above all it aims to commemorate, in convenient form, the names and some of the achievements of as many of the Pioneers of the community and of its War Heroes as it was practical to compile in the time and space at one's disposal.

Altogether the book is the work of years, but it has been a labor of love as well as of dutiful remembrance. Such as it is, with its many shortcomings, the writer hopes that it will be cordially received, and that it will be carefully preserved in the homes of residents of this district, and by many former residents as a reminder of days that are gone, and of the generation that has now mostly passed away.

Thanks are due to the many who have in any way contributed to the work. We might mention in particular the Township Clerks who obligingly furnished us with valuable data. Messrs. Albert Helyer, Arthur, David Allan, Egremont, W. D. McLellan, Minto, and W. W. Duncan, West Luther.

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It's Name

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth — Psalm 72 8.

His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth Zechariah 9 10.

It is generally accepted that the name Canada had its origin in the Iroquois word Canatha which means a collection of huts. Some say that its source was the Spanish name Acanada, meaning nothing there, applied in contempt as was the French King's expression, "A few arpents of snow."

The name Dominion was given by the Imperial Parliament, and was accepted as more suitable than Kingdom which had been suggested, but which Lord Stanley feared might offend the sensibilities of the United States. There is a well authenticated story that the name Dominion was brought forward by Sir Leonard Tilley, after reading in the morning in his Bible either Psalm 72 or Zechariah 9, where the verses above quoted occur Mr Tilley's son wrote that it was Psalm 72 and the thought occurred to him that it be a suitable name. He suggested it to the convention in London, and it was agreed to

Its History

Canada has had for its age an interesting and romantic history Let us refer to just a few outstanding events In 1534 Jacques Cartier entered the St Lawrence on St Lawrence Day and took possession of North America in the name of King Francis 1 of France In 1608 Champlain founded Quebec the second permanent European settlement on the continent and the French extended their influence during the next 150 years east to Acadia, west of Lake Superior and south to Louisiana Recollet and Jesuit missionaries traversed the country and underwent great hardships martyrdom itself, in their missionary zeal In 1670 the Hudson Bay Company received its charter giving it exclusive rights along all streams finding an outlet in Hudson Bay In 1759 Wolfe captured Quebec by the defeat of Montcalm In 1763 Canada was ceded by treaty to England In 1791 Canada was divided into Upper and Lower Canada with separate legislatures In 1837 we had the Mackenzie rebellion and in 1841 a union of these legislatures meeting alternately at Quebec and Toronto In 1867 Upper and Lower Canada, since Ontario and Quebec Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were confederated as the Dominion of Canada In 1870 the Hudson Bay Company's land was divided into the Province of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories and united to the Dominion In 1871 British Columbia and 1873 Prince Edward Island entered the Confederation In 1870 and 1885 we had the halfbreeds' rebellions under Louis Riel in the Northwest and there were Fenian Raids in 1866, 1870 and 1871 In 1898 Quebec's boundaries were extended to Hudson Bay In 1905 the

Alaskan boundary dispute was decided adversely to Canada. In 1905 Alberta and Saskatchewan were organized as Provinces. In 1914 Canadians sprang to arms at the outbreak of the Great War and put nearly half a million men in the field before the end in 1918, one of the greatest national achievements in history. The raising and sending overseas by Sir Sam Hughes in the course of a few weeks of the First Contingent of 35,000 men of whom some score of Mount Foresters belonged to No. 1 Company of the 1st Battalion was a notable and unforgetable exploit. The brilliant gallant and decisive part that Canadians took in the fields of Flanders and France has won world wide and everlasting fame.

Its Progress

In local sketches such as these it is not necessary nor possible to refer at any length to the progress that Canada has made during the past sixty years.

The population has nearly trebled. The area under the central government has increased ten fold. The total trade has increased fifteen fold, export trade twenty three fold, trade per capita four fold, wheat crop over thirty fold, coin an production twenty four fold, bank deposits sixty fold, public revenue nearly twenty fold and so on.

The greatest miracle was the rise and development of the prairie provinces. Railway construction has proceeded on an immense scale. Our railway mileage in 1867 was 2,278. In 1926 it was 40,352. The Intercolonial was completed in 1876, the Canadian Pacific from ocean to ocean in 1885, the Canadian National is established as a great national transcontinental system which is to reach Hudson Bay this year. These are only a few sample facts. Progress for the future promises to be even more rapid. This is Canada's century indeed.

HISTORY OF CANADA IN SIXTY LINES

By Dr. Thomas Chisholm of Toronto formerly teacher at Bellwood and Fergus, physician at Arthur, Grand Valley and Wingham, and M. P. for East Huron from 1904 for several Parliaments. An old acquaintance of the editor.

Columbus found the western world in fourteen ninety-two
But Norsemen claim that long ere that of Vineland's vales they knew
The Cabots sailed the North and East for England's King to claim
Verrazano sought for France to gain the same
Through Belle Isle Strait Jacques Cartier passed in fifteen thirty-four
Explored the Gulf and claimed at once its wild Canadian shore
Next year returned the river scanned, Mount Royal fitly named.
A winter spent some natives seized much more for France he claimed
To Canada nee Maire he sailed in fifteen forty one
But Roberval in chief command, soon lost all France had won.
In vain Levy and then La Roche, by means of exiled bands
Resolved to found for France a realm on Sable Island's sands
Though through De Monts' and rival claims, Champlain at Fundy failed,

Undaunted still, to found Quebec in sixteen eight he sailed.
He built the city fought his foes, Lake Huron's bounds explored,
Moore forced to yield to England's arms saw all to France restored.
Some dauntless priests like brave Brebeuf mid fire, torture, pain
While preaching Christ to friendly tribes by pagan hordes were slain.
While Tracey Frontenac Beaucour their forest foes effaced.
Marquette La Salle and Jolliette the Mississippi traced
At Pemaquid Schenectady, St John and Hudson Bay
Both Iberville met English foes o'er whom he won the day
From Louisburg Annapolis, too the French were forced to fly
When scourged by raids New England's sons saw they must fight or die
Acadians long by French feuds torn or British arms coerced,
Were shipped at length to distant shores and there exiled, dispersed.
Two famous chiefs Montcalm and Wolfe were slain at Abra'm's plains
While bold, stern men joined strong Quebec to Britain's broad domains.
To please "New Subjects" Britain gave in seventeen seventy-four,
Quebec an act French Civil Law and all Ohio's shore
From Murray Bouquet Pontiac Detroit and Bushy Run,
We come at length to civil war by Boston men begun
Montgomery slain and Arnold checked Burgoyne in Carlton's place,
Reached Saratoga fought and found defeat and dire disgrace.
Spain, France and Holland joined in league with Britain's rebel foes.
Overcame Cornwallis seized his arms, and saw the struggle close.
The Thirteen States united free forgetting Freedom's laws,
Soon drove from home as exiles those who favored Britain's cause.
Great Britain gave them food and land an extra Province framed,
And then mid war in eighteen twelve their noble deeds proclaimed.
Of bold Laulec of Maid Vercheres, or Laura Secord brave.
Each hero thought them rushed to arms his home and friends to save
Sir Isaac Brock mid flying foes at Queenston Heights, was slain,
And Britons won at Chateauguay Detroit and Landy's Lane
Of Chrysler's Farm, of Stoney Creek of Beaver Dam they tell
But mourn o'er York o'er Barclay's fleet and how Tecumseh fell.
With peace proclaimed Canadians sought as fair and just demands,
Complete control of taxes paid of timber mines and lands.
Mackenzie's friends and Papineau's at length resolved to fight
But when they raised their rebel flags they soon were put to flight.
United Canada secured when Durham's task was done.
A government responsible in eighteen forty-one
In six and twenty years again a British act defined
As federated Canada four Provinces combined
Macdonald Tupper Tilley Galt and Mitchell Cartier Brown
All joined to found a mighty realm beneath the British crown,
No foreign rates nor Fenian Raids nor western native scare
Could check a growth which stood the test of e'en the Trent Affair.
It grew till now a vast domain from ocean shore to shore
Extends through nine Provincial States three thousand miles or more.

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From a Chick to a Chanticler

1867

After a sketch by the first editor

1927

After a sketch by the present editor

(From The Confederate, March 31, 1927)

The Confederate today completes its sixtieth year as a newspaper It is fitting that some notice should be taken of so auspicious an occasion.

There is no other newspaper in the world, so far as we know, that bears the name of The Confederate. There will be only one to bear the name, at least for the same reason

On March 29th, 1867 Queen Victoria gave assent to the British North America Act by which the Confederation of the Dominion of Canada was authorized by the Imperial Parliament. The next week the first issue of the Confederate appeared. At first it was rather an amateur production, small in size and appearing rather irregularly The proprietor was Mr H H Stovel and the first editor was his son Harry C Stovel a mere lad of 12 years under the guidance

of course of his father His entertaining record of those early days we publish further on

Harry [illegible] Stovel was born [illegible] in Minto Township In childhood he came with his parents to Mount Forest where his father engaged in several lines of business With other members of the family he was interested in the publication of The Confederate in boyhood and early manhood In 1877 the firm name of Stovel Brothers appeared as publishers With the first issue of 1878 Stovel & Son were publishers and proprietors and continued until February 17 1879 when the paper was enlarged but no name appeared as publisher until 1881 when Stovel & Son again appeared for 3 months after taking over The Examiner which had been started on April 17th 1861 by T J Drake who sold it to Robert McAdams and John McLaren on May 20th 1867 Mr McAdams withdrew from the business in December 1870 and Mr McLaren carried it on until November 9th 1880 when it was bought by H H Stovel and H C Stovel and merged with The Confederate The name was used and placed under that of The Confederate until A W Wright took it over on July 1 1902 when it was dropped for the sake of brevity and convenience the name Confederate being preferred on account of its national and historical significance With this issue the name Confederate is again placed in the main heading for reasons of patriotism and convenience and The Representative and The Examiner will be retained for historical and business reasons

Henry Beemer who bought the paper about 1884 conducted the paper for several years In 1892 it was bought by Joseph Nichaby and J P Downey who came from Guelph The latter retired after less than a year and Mr Nichaby was sole proprietor until he sold about November 1896 to H Van Blaricom who continued until December 16 1897 when he sold out to James Fisher now head of the James Fisher Advertising Agency A the close of 1900 Mr Fisher sold out to Thomas H Kennedy of Alexandria who for two and a half years had associated himself with his brother Donald A Kennedy After many and frequent changes the present proprietor Arthur W Wright took possession on July 1st 1902 and next July 1 he hopes will pass his silver jubilee as editor In 1917 he installed a linotype typesetting machine and in 1918 he purchased from Mr J A Lambert The Mount Forest Representative and has published the amalgamated papers since that time under the title of The Confederate and Representative

The pioneer paper of Mount Forest was the Express published by a Mr Greenham [illegible] started before 1870 after with the British Canadian [illegible] Express now the News Record The Express was apparently absorbed by The Examiner above referred to For three months after the amalgamation of The Confederate and Examiner the town had only one paper Then E G Hart came and started The Advocate which he conducted for two years and then sold out to a joint stock company with Mr J A Lambert as manager After a

year and a half he retired Three months later the Advocate ceased publication and three months later, on January 29th, 1885, Mr Lambert started The Representative, which, under the same management, continued until it was taken over by A. W Wright, on August 1, 1918.

After disposing of The Confederate and Examiner Mr H. H. Stovel started The Index and published it for two years, October 1884 to October 1886.

In more recent years, in the wake of a strenuous local option contest the Wednesday Sun was started by Mr Arthur Rogers, and the town had three papers for a couple of years

The Confederate had always been Reform or Liberal in its political leanings. The Examiner was at first under Mr Graffe a Conservative paper, but became Reform when purchased by Messrs. McAdams and McLaren so that, until amalgamated, there were two Reform journals in town, and no Conservative paper until The Advocate was started.

The Representative was Conservative in politics. Since amalgamation the present editor has pursued an independent course, and proposes to continue to do so.

In the first issue of The Confederate the advertisers were Amos Bissell, tinsmith, Main St., Western Assurance Co., S. Nelson, painter, glazier and paper hanger, Canada House, W and R Smith, dealers in dry goods groceries, hardware, etc., L. H Yeomans, seeds; Vulcan Foundry, Hartley and Ashley.

FROM OTHER EDITORS

These are from contributions sent to us ten years ago, in 1917, on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of The Confederate, and are now even more interesting than then especially as two of the writers Mr Stovel and Mr Rickaby have passed over the Dark River

FROM H. C. STOVEL

First Editor

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The Confederate, 1867 to 1917

Winnipeg March 23, 1917

To the Editor of The Confederate,

"Rev William Wye Smith, retired Congregational minister and former editor of the Owen Sound Times, Canadian Independent and Sunday School Dial, is dead, at Burford, Ont aged 90. He was a native of Jedburgh, Scotland " Printer and Publisher, February 1917

The above is "text" for a little story a contribution to your Histories. It carries one back to boyhood days after the starting of The Confederate With my father, I went to Owen Sound and was introduced to Rev Mr Smith, who very kindly interested himself in me. While father was attending to the business he had in hand, the

reverend gentleman enlightened me about printing etc which was of service years later and assisted in building up the paper. His kindness was not forgotten. The Owen Sound Times was a good newspaper and the job office and work turned out by John Rutherford

H. C. STOVEL
First Editor Confederate

J. A. LAMBERT
Editor Representative

A. W. WRIGHT
Present Editor

was the ideal of many a printer

Your paper sir is just approaching its fiftieth birthday. To look ahead fifty years is a long time but on looking backward does not appear so. Many changes have occurred during that period. At this time to 'talk shop' may be pardoned

As a reminder of the past and token of the present my sister Mrs. J. J. Cook of Mount Forest who in the early days assisted at work in connection with The Confederate kindly made one of ye olde tyme birthday cakes (with of icing or other 'frills') in commemoration of the 50th anniversary but the purpose for which it was to be used was unknown to her. The cake was forwarded to Winnipeg, and there cut up- a special knife fitted up in "golden" style being used in the cutting. It was my pleasure to thrust the knife into the

cake and my second sister Mrs S R Blackhall of Winnipeg who is the years gone by also assisted with the paper cut the cake and together we patrolled pieces in golden paper and tied them with golden ribbon

It was my wish that Mr Jas Colclough the gentleman from whom the printing press and type was purchased should take part in the celebration but plans along this line could not be carried out as he was away up north near Peace River Crossing spending a time with George his eldest son On the 17th of March however I had the pleasure of dining with his second son Murray C who was born in Mount Forest he being the nearest approach to the senior Colclough available At the meal Yours Truly again thrust the knife into a piece of the cake and Mr Colclough cut it and together we disposed of the gooey

These little events commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Stove family in connection with printing for in February or March my memory is not sure which of 1867 the plant was purchased from Mr Colclough with the understanding that the printing of all the seed and other bags and drug labels was to be carried out by us

The knife and a portion of the cake is sent to you in the hope that you will arrange a meeting with Mr T G Smith the present postmaster of your town and who filled the same position when the papers were first mailed and Mr W L Smith one of the first under the firm name of W & R Smith and largest advertisers By the way I believe their advertisement appearing in the first issue was the same as printed in their heavy brown straw bags sometimes in two colors in hundreds of which when finished were taken in a wheelbarrow by myself to their store With the three of you together it is up to you to cut the knife into the cake and for the others to eat a piece this the week of the 5th of April 1917

Thus the past will be linked with the present

After you have done so be good enough to return to me the knife when it will be preserved with my mementoes

In order to help you a little I am sending this letter in metal form so that it will save you composition to be used in place of some of the plate but leaving no space for the usual matter

The first paragraph of this letter regarding Rev Mr Smith is my contribution to the stocking type for the year 1917 The rest of the article was cast on a linotype by W A Langsborough brother of the assistant editor of the Shelburne Free Press who has for over eight years been an employee of the Stove firm and was a pupil at the same time taught by Miss Grace Stovel in Shelburne The article was spaced out and locked up by Elmer Small who has been in the service of the firm for more than seven years and is now one of the regular at the hands He was formerly of the Arthur Enterprise and as far as can be gathered by comparing notes he and his father and myself have opposed each other on the baseball field

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Page 1 First Issue

The first and last pages of there was of the first issue of The Confederate of April 5th 1861. The engraver has trimmed off the date on the second page. The waste spots are occasioned by sheets being pasted on the original where the paper was torn.

The first issue of The Confederate appeared under date of April 5 and consisting of two pages each of which was 8 x 11 three columns to the page. The second had four similar sized pages, most of the reading matter being in what was known as Pica type (three were larger than at present in this article). In the four page form it was issued every alternate Thursday for upwards of two months in which the paper was folded two pages being printed one at a time on the first half of the sheet folded the opposite way and the other two pages printed in the same manner. The press was not large enough to print more than one page at a time. The press also during July and August

For the first two issues was really issued gratis more as an amateur advertising medium for Father's various businesses than a regular newspaper.

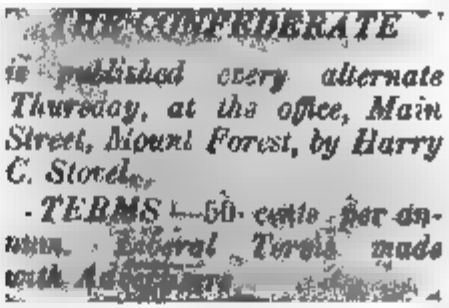
The name Confederate arose through confederation of the various provinces for which the act calling for the new order of things being passed by the House of Commons the Prime Ministers to the first two issues, one of which follows the following lines:

The plant was the plant had a larger sheet would not be issued subsequently a few issues of small type being very limited display type was frequently used in connection with the reading matter the outfit being devoted mostly to small job work. One page would frequently have to be distributed before another was put in type. That the plant was added from time to time and at the end of a twelve month there was had a fresh display of one page before setting

the other

Father was the proprietor and the actual editor In the way of "local", my assistance was rendered at off hours from school News items would be picked up, and, on repeating such to father he would have me "write it down" and then he would amend, in this way my writing was schooled He, being no printer, not even knowing the case so far as I remember assisted in other ways as time allowed, and my services were as "devil" compositor and delivery boy

With the first issue of the second year, April 2, 1868, through the kindness of father the paper came out with this imprint to it


THE CONFEDERATE

is published every alternate Thursday, at the office, Main Street, Mount Forest, by Harry C. Stovel.

TERMS:—50 cents per annum. Liberal Terms made with Advertisers.

By this time school was a thing of the past with me, and the paper became a fixed organ of the village more attention being paid to the passing events than previously A subscription of fifty cents a year was also asked Towards the end of the first year the paper was increased in size to six pages and issued thus as an alternate weekly

This, then, was the commencement of the printing trade in the Stovel family

HARRY C STOVEL

FROM JOSEPH RICKABY

As you wished me to write you a short account of my stay in Mount Forest I will try and give it to you

In the year 1891 Mr J P Downey and I bought out the Confederate from Mr Benner, who was then the editor and proprietor The paper was then carried on by us as Rickaby and Downey for about one year, when the partnership was dissolved Mr Downey taking a position as editor on the Guelph Herald and I continued the business for about five years, and then sold out to Mr George Van Blaricom

From Mount Forest I moved to Richard's Landing, St Joseph Island, 20 years ago and started a paper shortly after called the St Joe Herald of which I am still proprietor

There have been a great many changes in Mount Forest during the past twenty years Of those who have passed to the great beyond since I left there I might mention the following business men

the present time viz Mr John B Philp and Mr V Lewis but there may be others. I might say your humble servant was a member of the band, and many a good time I spent in the bandroom with the members.

There are so many good things I would like to say about Mount Forest but I don't wish to trespass on your valuable space

Yours truly
JOSEPH RICKABY

Richard's Landing June 5 1917

SOME REMINISCENCES

By George B. Van Blaricom

(From The Confederate of June 21 1917)

Twenty years is a long period to look forward to but a decidedly short time to look back over It was in 1897 that I purchased the Confederate and I am reminded of the year and a half that I sat in the editor's chair by the fact that it was then that I first placed insurance on my life, and it being a twenty year pay policy I expect to cash in on that document this fall It was sitting in the office one day when the late J A Young a retired school teacher who had entered the insurance game walked in and started plying me with questions regarding how much insurance I carried I also began to do some business with him by asking why he did not carry an advertisement in the Confederate He consented on the ground of my signing up there and then Mr Young went away with an application for a policy in the Mutual Life of Canada and I had his contract for a year's advertisement in the Confederate which if I remember right amounted to about half of the first year's premium

I had just attained to manhood's estate when I became proprietor of the Confederate and naturally had a good opinion of myself which has been disconcerted several times since on being one of the youngest publishers of a weekly journal in the province One evening I journeyed on my bicycle for wheeling was then a popular pastime and rode out to see a wealthy farmer on Egremont whose daughter was to be married the following day I was anxious to have the report in time for that week's edition Naturally the agriculturist could not easily pronounce my long name but he invited me into the house and presented me to his wife and the members of the family including my then fiancee as the printer from Mount Forest What a terrible blow my dignity and standing in the community for was I not the editor and proprietor of an influential paper instead of a mere typo However I survived the shock not whether I have ever looked the same since is difficult to determine

In this era of the excessive cost of living it is almost a crime to mention what rural printers got in those days twenty years ago Six dollars was the highest figure and it was thought to be a liberal remuneration the whole sum of one dollar a day I remember that one of my men came from an adjoining town for his meals and secure

rd a very good house a Mount Forest for the low rental of five do. lars a month a doubt if he could obtain a room for that figure today

Another memory that comes to mind is a nomination meeting one [illegible] night a hot one ha The late J A Hammet a pro prietary medicine and active age ressive business man had been pro posed for the best position another element wh though he was w illing to divert a big slice of the expenditure and municipal im provements pu f orward to name of Wm Grier who was the larg est property owner in the town and naturally interested in keeping down expenses W [illegible] ham a hardware merchant now with the Frost Foundry C T a an in directing genius was fond of a practical joke and was not always to taken seriously in his amusements He for was placed in nomination for Mayor but had not the slightest intention of being a candidate at that time He warmed up to the work and after the n ar of deep earnestness declared that the ratepayers were a profligate Mr Leonard was regarded as the proprietor and ad e with his conception of civic administration while Mr Grier was at ma her [illegible] and old fashioned methods [illegible] quoth Mr Grier in when a doubt almost arose he would e me That s the happy medium here asked [illegible] the [illegible] ical m f the proper qual fications which [illegible] should [illegible] a man who adorns the Mayor s chair I am neither too swift nor too slow he considers I have the balance judgment and ability mindedness to grace the position better ha n the [illegible] ipal ers Thus he went on and for a couple [illegible] was not known whether Mr Grier would be a candidate or not but he certainly kept the other aspirants in office and the crowd in [illegible] guessing He withdrew his name at the last m me and [illegible] remarked that it must be great fun to be able to pull as many strings and keep them all guessing while next year the voting and

[illegible] f the p ople [illegible] a young publisher who was an ardent admirer of Mr [illegible] In those days was a rich and trade [illegible] Not having a h [illegible] keep a horse and cutter to maintain a [illegible] was [illegible] he used to hire a better conveyance

[illegible] the [illegible] working on the a few days after I [illegible] [illegible] anything but he wanted to subscribe for the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] books and the rates but n [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

two of cordwood which was about the only commodity that I could use in the office to advantage

The town was then agitating for a waterworks system and I gave the public improvement hearty support in the columns of the Confederate, advocating the return by the ratepayers of only such members of the council as endorsed the measure. An old time merchant who has since joined the silent majority came into the sanctum in a low ering rage and in a thunderous voice demanded what I meant by allowing the paper to pursue such a dangerous course. He had been a resident there for forty years and a strict father for five and he threatened unless I moderated the tone of my editorials he would withdraw his subscription and his twelve dollar a year advertisement. I politely but firmly told him that the municipality needed a water works system worse than I needed his patronage. The by law carried I am happy to say by a substantial majority. Another improvement that was made during my residence in Mount Forest was the laying of granolithic sidewalks on both sides of the business street.

Two or three political references and I am done. One afternoon the late John Craig M.P.P. who was the proprietor of the Bruce News Record stepped in and introduced himself as the Liberal member for the riding. I had met Mr. Craig previously and found him an agreeable affable gentleman. He informed me that he got Mount Forest which was in the extreme north of his riding only once every three or four years and that he was not sure of the names and indentity of his leading supporters. Would I be kind enough to go around with him for an hour or two as he had but a short time at his disposal and wished to make as many visits as possible. Out we started and I will wager that Mr. Craig made as many as thirty or forty calls in the very shortest time. When we got back to the office I remarked Mr. Craig you are a wonder at getting over the ground. He then told me that he found that a good political move is merely drop in and shake hands with a repetition of the same in quiry about the weather and a few general remarks on the prospects of the crops and such like. The remarking he had no doubt have had pleasure of calling on the next occasion. Mr. Craig was shrewd enough to know the value of a hearty handshake and a few pleasant words rather than a glass all the more especially with the latter as part of the time the thermometer registered zero or below. I never got over the fact that I was an editor and could not vote when I was in Mount Forest. [illegible] was up town with Dr. Burnett from White Head [illegible] I had not been in town more than an hour when I [illegible] only two [illegible] might create local bad blood and dissatisfaction.

One [illegible] secret reason [illegible] but I [illegible] a [illegible] the name of a prominent Mount Forest [illegible] was not [illegible] the people I could [illegible]

for the local legislature. The late Senator McMullen was present, and being among the faithful freely spoke his mind. He remarked that he thought the gentleman mentioned should not be invited to run as he was a warm personal friend doing nicely in business and making money. The man who should go in politics was the very rich resident who could finance his way or the poor man who had nothing to lose in making the venture. The Senator instanced the case of an M. P. a professional gentleman from a nearby riding who, when he went into the political game some fifteen years before was enjoying a lucrative practice and was reputed to be worth about fifteen thousand dollars.

What is the result of his participation in public life?" asked Mr. McMullen. "It is a well known fact that his practice is all scattered today and even the house in which he lives is heavily mortgaged. Politics has made him a poor man financially speaking and he depends solely on his meagre indemnity for his sustenance. A fellow who is moderately well off should never go into politics alone. I realize that I am asking pleasantly but the calls made upon your time and purse are endless and unexpected. Pecuniarily I have been able to stand the strain but the mind occupied by scores of callers is an ever increasing worry and annoyance. A farmer will come in from Lucknow or Arthur and walk into my office. I may be just home from Ottawa and have an endless amount of work piled up awaiting my attention yet I have got to get up greet the visitor with a smile and hand shake and tell Johnny Bull how glad I am to see him. He stays and stays and talks and talks and after two or three hours remarks very reluctantly that he must be departing. Then I have to get up and accompany him to the door and bid him a regretful good bye informing him how sorry I am that he really can not remain longer or that he has just been and I hope he will call again when he has more time at his disposal. Gentlemen if I had to do it all over again I tell you frankly I would not go through it for there I am bidding a smiling farewell and uttering words that make me feel like an hypocrite."

Mr. McMullen doubtless unburdened himself frankly for he could do so under the circumstances seeing that only representatives of the Liberal party and not the Township associations were present.

Many correspondents in a way considered the life blood of a paper but the trouble was to get reliable and regular writers from the nearby centres. Very often a correspondent would admit an innocent enough looking paragraph about to happen in the neighborhood or a notice in it would contain a startling slap that would get the paper into trouble. Among the things I had frequently to eliminate from correspondents' budgets of news from certain sections. After all there is nothing quite so insipid as a community without a local newspaper. I congratulate the Confederate on its long and interesting history and may it prosper during the next fifty years as it has in the past.

(From The Confederate of April 7, 1927)

With this issue The Confederate begins its sixty first volume. In connection with that event we wish to supplement or continue the narratives we gave last week and complete them so far as we have material within reach and just here may be permitted a few personal

REMINISCENCES AND REMARKS

Printing and publishing were perhaps the first choice of an occupation by the present editor. In early life he was fond of reading and had a great admiration for the power of the pen. He remembers when a youth, calling at the News Record office in Fergus and enquiring of Mr John Craig then editor as to the possibilities of going into the business but the inducements he specified were not enough to take effect so he started out on a teaching career as congenial and more practicable at the time.

After twenty three years and a half of schoolroom duty a change of occupation was advised for reasons of health and printing and publishing was chosen. A year in Guelph with a partner was chiefly valuable in the way of experience and a rural newspaper was sought and ultimately The Confederate was bought about the 20th of May 1902 and we took possession on July 1st.

The almost quarter of a century since then has been busy sometimes strenuous and anxious but on the whole congenial and interesting. In a country printing office there is at least the spice of variety especially when the proprietor has to fill as he often does every position from devil to editor and perform every operation from setting type like operating a press.

We did not go into printing with the idea of making a fortune. We simply wanted to make a living and we have managed to do that and pay our debts for which we are thankful. But we should hardly have accomplished that if we had not a little capital and a little supplementary revenue. It was always conducive to peace of mind to be able to pay our taxes and keep out of the bailiff's clutches. Since amalgamation matters have been somewhat more comfortable from a financial point of view but increased revenue has very largely gone into improvements and better service and we have still to stay in the sanctum to make a living though it might be in order to retire.

Newspaper work of any kind is one that requires careful and unremitting attention and the weekly editor is pretty well tied down week in and week out. His evenings are often taken up with meetings of one kind and another. He finds recreation in the variety of things he has to do and only occasionally can he arrange to break away for a holiday. We have usually arranged to attend gatherings and excursions of our brethern of the press and have found them very helpful in many ways. Memorable trips in recent years were those to the Pacific and Atlantic Coasts and the splendid tour over seas three years ago.

By conferences of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association and especially small district meetings of rural publishers marked improvements have been made and are being made in the status of the rural press. A greater spirit of independence is manifested. Prices of subscriptions, advertising based on cost and the necessities of the situation have been introduced and generally established. The place of the local paper where it can be maintained, as the business, municipal, social and moral life of the community has become more important. The "in advance" rule of subscription has become widely recognized as the fair share for the subscriber to pay. The columns of the local paper have become recognized even by national advertisers as the cheapest and most effective means of getting in touch with the people. The job printing department which is very necessary to most weekly offices to keep the staff occupied and provide a portion of the revenue, has been placed on a basis more in accordance with cost. Progress has been made in compiling price lists that are more consistent with each other and which are more generally adhered to. There is now not the [illegible] competition between rival offices and more of a disposition among rural publishers to stand by prices that are agreed upon as reasonable and necessary under present conditions. There is no compulsion, there are no penalties but loss of respect for neighbours and confreres who continue upon agreements in order to get business.

The bane of the business for a long time has been the city printer who will take and solicit orders from the country at low rates in order to keep his presses running in slack times, or the job printer who has no newspaper to keep going for the benefit of the community. Merchants must patronize even [illegible] who sometimes support these competitors to the detriment of the town paper. A partial remedy for this state of affairs is for the publisher to charge more for advertising and to run no advertising, some forms of publicity that he was formerly accustomed to insert free as news and was pleased to do it. Sometimes however, his good will is turned to gall and his warm interest in [illegible] institutions and enterprises becomes considerably cooled by the ice business attitude of perhaps only a few narrow guage and short sighted people connected with them.

It is in order to accord and acknowledge here the neighborly co-operation that [illegible] between the late J. A. Lambert and the writer. It was [illegible] and understood, but under competition such as this we have always adhered as closely as possible to the rates agreed upon and understood.

We wish also to acknowledge gratefully the encouragement and support received from our subscribers and other patrons, the valuable assistance given by correspondents and other contributors of news, the loyalty and interest of most members of our staff at different periods, and the sympathetic co-operation of a life partner and three daughters without which it would have been impossible at times to maintain the business.

After we took over the paper in 1902, George Shibley, who later published the Tavistock Gazette and who died several years ago, was foreman for a couple of years. He was followed by Miss Nina M. Rogers for several years and then by Miss Nellie Kilgour for some years. At the time of the amalgamation Mr. S. S. Blackburn, who had been in The Representative office as apprentice and then foreman for nearly ten years, came in as mechanical superintendent, which position he still fills most faithfully and satisfactorily. Miss Florence McLeod and Eddie Sheehy are other present employees of the office and among the graduates of a few years past who may be mentioned are Miss Jennie McBride, Miss May Edwards, Frank Ball and James Lennox.

BIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES TO FORMER EDITORS

The following are brief biographical notes on former editors and publishers in Mount Forest. They are as complete and accurate as the information at hand will permit us to make them.

Thomas Gibbs Greenham

An Irishman, son of Robert Greenham, Esquire of Factory Avenue House, Maryborough, Ireland, who started The British Constitution in Fergus in opposition to The Freeholder, the first paper published in Fergus, begun by a Nichol township pioneer, George Erie, on August 19th, 1854. The first issue of The British Constitution came out in the middle of February, 1856, just six months after The Freeholder began. On November 14th, 1857, the two papers united under Mr. Greenham's management which was continued until June 1865, when he sold out to Watt Bros., residents of Fergus. Some time earlier in his career he started The Express, the first paper published in Mount Forest. This was short lived and so far as we can make out, was taken over by T. J. Graffe when he started The Examiner.

Thomas J. Graffe

Had been a school teacher and had a wooden leg. He started The Examiner, taking the place of the short lived Express, on April 17th, 1862. He published the paper in the south side of his dwelling, now Mr. George Anderson's, the sixth house erected in Mount Forest. So far as we can learn he was neither printer nor editor. His editor was named Alexander Robinson, who did his part ably and well on a salary of $500 a year. Mr. Robert McAdams was his foreman for the first five years and did the printing, and to him he sold the business. In a business notice on June 6, 1867, No. 8, Vol. 6, he states that his connection with The Examiner would terminate on June 15th. He returns thanks to all his friends, especially those "who have paid their bills; many who have been doing business with this office since its commencement have not paid one red cent and the law compels me to sue before the accounts run out." In a "Poet-

tual Directory of the Town of Mount Forest by A G Churchill, printed at The Examiner Book and Job office 1901" there is this reference

Thos. J. Grafin, Proprietor of The Examiner

His press does job printing and is well prepared
For publishing circulars handbills and cards
By-Laws of Town Councils Municipal ranks
Billheads and posters all labels and blanks,
The prices that's current his paper will tell,
Of three different markets and items they sell,
Tells murders and battles and warriors that fall,
Grand national features Provincial and all
Soirees and tea meetings fairs lectures and show,
Will auction days trumpet the moment they go
Morning Star of Mount Forest and regions about
And should be supported it's clear from a doubt

From a business card in the copy of The Examiner referred to above we learn that he was a man of many other activities Coroner for the Counties of Wellington and Grey Commissioner in the Court of Queen's Bench Land Insurance and General Agent Conveyancer etc etc

Harry C Stovel

Was born in Minto Township near Pike Lake on June 20th 1858 and claimed to be the first white child in Minto a point that may be discussed later In early childhood he came with his parents to Mt Forest where his father Henry H Stovel engaged in several lines of business With other members of the family he was interested from 1867 in The Confederate and also had newspaper experience in London and Napanee After leaving Mount Forest he went with his father and brothers to Winnipeg where the extensive printing establishment of Stovel Brothers was founded A disastrous fire in 1916 was followed by the erection of a still larger building and plant one of the best in the Dominion For a time he represented the firm in Edmonton Coming back to Winnipeg on account of a printers' strike he trained beginners in the art but his health broke down and he went to Guelph sanitarium for rest and treatment Here he died on July 4 1922 of an apoplectic stroke When 22 years of age he married Ruth Pickard of Guelph who died in Winnipeg Later he married Mrs George Smith of Toronto His widow and two sons C J of Philadelphia and Harold of Seattle survived him also two sisters Mrs J J Cook Mount Forest and Mrs Blackhall Winnipeg and two brothers John and Chester D of Winnipeg He was an earnest Baptist and a staunch Liberal of an enthusiastic temperament and strove to leave the world a little better than he found it He was for years a member of the Parks Commission of Winnipeg and for a term its President and personally did much to improve the splendid Parks system there As a writer he had a clear and forcible style and did honor to the profession of journalism

Robert MacAdams

Was a son of William MacAdams an Irish surveyor, who also was engaged on English and Scotch surveys, retiring in 1858 and coming with his family to Canada. For a time they lived near Fergus and some members of the family attended the Cumnock school. Later he purchased the property in Minto which was the family home for half a century and died in 1866. Robert learned the printing trade and was foreman for T. J. Graffe on The Examiner in 1867 purchasing that paper and going into partnership with John McLaren. He withdrew from the business in 1870 and founded the Sarnia Canadian which he successfully conducted for many years. He retired and is still living in Sarnia.

John McLaren

Was born in Fergus in 1841 his father being one of the best known pioneers of the village. After getting his education there he entered newspaper work and was connected with the Guelph Mercury and worked in the Southern States and New York. He was associated with Robert MacAdams for three years on The Examiner, and carried it on alone until Nov. 9th 1880. In his valedictory on that date referring to the union of the two papers as The Confederate-Examiner he says "he has been fully persuaded that there is only a fair field for one strong paper in the place." On the formation of Dufferin County in 1881 he was appointed registrar of the High Court of Justice at Orangeville and held that position until his death on February 18, 1906. He was twice married, first to Miss Frances Booth, of Bath, sister of the late Mrs. (Dr.) Yeomans who died in Mount Forest, and in 1882 to Agnes, eldest daughter of the late Dr. Herbert J. Luck, of Orangeville who, with eight children survived him. Mr. McLaren was a gentleman of fine courtesy and pleasant social qualities as well as an able writer.

Henry Benner

Who purchased the Confederate-Examiner for several years is remembered by many of the older residents, but we have been unable to secure definite particulars in regard to him before or after his residence here.

Joseph Ekhaby

Was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to Canada when a lad. For many years he lived in Guelph and was associated with the Guelph Mercury and Herald and later was on the staff of the Toronto World. He came to Mount Forest in 1891 and with J. P. Downey bought The Confederate. After the death of his wife he removed with his family to Richard's Landing where he established the St. Joe Herald which he published until his sudden death on July 28, 1919. He was first married to Miss Brill and later to Miss Emma Whelpley, now Mrs. Edwin Owens of Richard's Landing. His two sons are editors, Charles A. of the St. Joe Herald and Frederick W. of the Bruce Mines Spectator.

Joseph Patrick Downey

J P Downey was born in Puslinch, Ont., on Jan 17 1865 He was educated at a school his father taught He became city editor of the Guelph Herald in 1883 and editor in 1885 After less than a year's association with Mr Richaby on The Confederate in 1891 2 he returned to the Guelph Herald until 1907 He represented South Wellington in the Ontario Legislature 1902-10 when he was appointed superintendent of the Orillia Hospital for Idiots which position he held until his recent death In June 1893 he married Ellen Josephine Coghlan

George Enoch Van Blaricom

Mr Van Blaricom is of United Empire Loyalist stock and was born at Castleton Ont on June 21 1872 He was educated in Belleville High School and Queen's University Kingston He began newspaper work in 1892 and had experience in Woodstock St Thomas and Galt where he was on the Reformer staff for a short time He came to Mount Forest in 1897 and remained over a year He went from here to Ottawa where he was with the Free Press as reporter and city editor for seven years He was editor of the Peterborough Review 1904 1905 went to Toronto and edited The Busy Man's Magazine then the Shoe and Leather Journal and latterly the Canadian Lumberman In 1900 he married Eva Minnie Mix He has had a successful journalistic career

James Fisher

Was editor of The Confederate for three years, 1897 to 1900. Selling out he was advertising manager of the Stratford Herald for several years Later he went to Toronto and established the James Fisher Advertising Agency one of the older and more successful of such enterprises of which he is still the head

Donald R. Kennedy

Bought the Confederate from Mr Fisher in 1900 and sold to A W Wright in 1902 He had as editor his brother Donald A who married Rose Duffy of the Mount Forest Public School staff who died several years ago For many years past D A Kennedy has been in the insurance business in Sarnia D R Kennedy we understand died some years after leaving Mount Forest

Arthur Walker Wright

Was born in Nichol Township on Feb 12 1856 He was educated at the Cumnock Public School the Fergus High and Public Schools and the University of Toronto He taught Public School in West Gerafraxa and Port Arthur for three and a half years in the Fergus Bradford Orillia and Walkerton High Schools for five years and in the Galt Collegiate Institute for fifteen years In 1901 for reasons of health he gave up teaching and took up publishing After a year's experience in Guelph he came to Mount Forest In 1884 he married Annie D McConkey of Bradford who died on May 25th 1926 A daughter Grace is assistant editor of The Confederate Jean Mrs H S Winchester lives in Ottawa and Anne is Superintendent of the St Catharines General Hospital

A LOCAL PAPER SIXTY YEARS OLD

Mr H E Yeomans presents as a souvenir a copy of The Examiner and General Advertiser for the Counties of Grey and Wellington, Mount Forest C W Thursday June 6 1867 The C W stands for Canada West a name often used instead of Upper Canada before Confederation a fact of which even some of the older of us may have forgotten The name is Vol 1 No 11 The subscription price is $1 [illegible] paid in advance or $1 50 at the end of the year

MISS EMILY WRIGHT

Assis Editor of The Confederate

The paper is well edited and neatly printed on paper of better quality than the present day newspaper

As for news there is very little in the way of personal news of [illegible] residents There is considerable general news Among the items is an announcement that the first of July the inaugural day of the New Dominion of Canada is to be held and celebrated as a public holiday and day of rejoicing throughout the Confederated Provinces A cricket match to be played that The match between the Durham Club and the Maple Leaf Club of this village will be played on Saturday next 8th inst on the new cricket grounds here Wickets to be pitched at 9 a m The Wellington County Court met in the Court House Guelph on Tuesday last 4th inst There was a change of weather from [illegible] to intense sunshine There are sometimes impending "Hon W H Foley and Mr McKim arrived in town on Saturday last from Manitoba but left for home on Monday Mr Dixon was a visitor to town but Mr Rose he has not yet entered an appearance

The [illegible] of railway agitation and about four columns are taken up with a discussion of railway enterprises in this district by the Wellington Grey and Bruce Railway and reports of a series of meetings addressed by Adam Brown Hon Mr Morris Thomas White and John M Ivan of Hamilton Resolutions were passed for the granting of bonuses as follows Minto $50 000 Normanby $50 000 Normanby $50 000 Egremont $50 000 Arthur Township $50

000, Luther, $10,000. Certain stipulations as to location were usually appended to these resolutions. The railway arrived four years later

There is an instalment of a continued story, and a selection of Poetry is given, "The Wearing of the Grey," which was popular at the time, and is still interesting as indicating a certain attitude manifested by the defeated South after the American Civil War recently over We quote the first and last stanzas

Oh, have you heard the cruel news ? Alas ! it is too true,
Upon the Appotomax down went our cross of blue—
Our armies have surrendered we bow to Northern sway,
And forever more forbidden is the wearing of the grey

But a day may yet be coming, boys, in future rolling years,
Which may bring revenge and triumph, may wipe away our tears;
When the azure cross shall float again, no more to pass away,
And the token of our victory be—the wearing of the grey

That day has not yet arrived, and is not likely to arrive.

S. S. BLACKBURN
Foreman of The Confederate

As an index of the activities of what had quickly grown up to be a busy village the advertisements are interesting.

There are business cards of The Examiner Job Printing Establishment, John Kennedy's Law Office, James C Wilkes, Notary Public, Conveyancer etc , P McCurry, Barrister etc , John McFadyen, Attorney at Law, Dr Dunbar, Dr Alfred E Ecroyd, H P Yeomans, A B., M.D., Physician, A H Miller M D F Murphy, Provincial Land Surveyor H H Stovel Issuer of Marriage Licenses, T J Carlyle, Coroner for the Counties of Wellington and Grey, etc., Commercial Hotel, Owen Sound, James Cooper Egremont House, lately kept by James Cringle, Green's Hotel Arthur Hugh Wilson Provincial Land Surveyor, etc., Wm. G Morrison, Provincial Land Surveyor etc., Minto. P O Address Clifford Fred Taylor, Quebec, Land and General Agent

Under the heading of advertisements Mr Ryan, Local Superintendent (of Education) gives notice that he has removed his office to Bentley's Buildings Township of Normanby John Kennedy notifies all persons indebted to the late Rev John Hay to call and settle, and those having claims to send them in for settlement Romanes and Kerr advertise the Holstein Waggon Shop P L Mitchell successor to Mitchell and Butchart in Bishop's Hall is prepared to execute Photographs Ambrotypes etc James Phillips Fergus has money to lend

Among the larger mercantile advertisers are John McLaren, Hardware W & R Smith The Canadian House, Spring and Summer Goods David Spence The Mammoth House Spring and Summer Goods John Horsman Guelph Hardware W W Winfield, late Watt & Winfield, The Red House Dry Goods Groceries, etc Henry Mulholland Guelph Hardware James G Kadler ditto R J Dale, Watchmaker and Jeweller John M Campbell Wall Paper Books, etc Of all the persons mentioned in the paper Mr Dale is the only one now living so far as we know and what is still more remarkable he is still carrying on the same business here

Some other advertisements we may note Robert Kennedy Egremont advertises a hand loom for sale Thomas Duignan a cow came astray James Bear manufactures Pumps near Martins Mills George A Drew secretary of the Wellington Grey and Bruce Railway advertises a meeting of shareholders Thos G Smith a list of letters uncalled for in the Mount Forest Post Office Mrs Hill next door south of J & R Scott's store Groceries George Tanner New Woollen Mill Cowain & Langton succeeding Crossin & Cringle, Meat Market Mrs T G Smith Millinery Miss Drew in charge of the Dress Making Department Wm H Riddell Insurance Agent, Rich and Harley The Vulcan Foundry Mount Forest Woollen Factory John Martin Oatmeal $3.75 per 100 lbs Thomas Swan Carriage Works H R Weston & Bro Axe Factory established by the late Wm P Weston Wm Bishop Auctioneer Monthly Cattle Fair Mount Forest on Market Square 3rd Wednesday of every month

There are also several patent medicine advertisements for remedies whose names are now forgotten also farms for sale and a couple of legal notices

The Mount Forest market prices are interesting flour $4 to $4.50 (per bbl) oatmeal $3.25 per 100 lbs fall wheat $0.00 (probably because none was offered) spring wheat per bus $1.25 to $1.50 barley 40c to 55c oats 40c to 55c peas 60c to 70c pork $0.00 (none offering) ham dried hams 7c to 8c butter 10c to 12½c eggs 7c hay ton $15 to $20

Another Old Copy of The Examiner

From Mr W W Lewis we have a copy of The Examiner of June 14 1884 about a year earlier than the one above referred to The contents are of the same general character James Watt is an advertiser of the bankrupt stock of J and A Kinnon M Ryan has a

new cash store Henry Jelley has for sale Ale at 5c per quart by the quarter cask whiskey at 41c per gallon by the barrel 43c per gallon by the five gallon milk 4c per quart Wm P Welton advertises his axes Isaac Ireland makes pumps Wm Lambert, Minto, has a wool factory R J Dale opposite Dr Dunbar's, has an advertisement dated Nov 2, 1866 The Fenian Raid alarm was on, and the Mount Forest Company had left the week or two before and were in camp at London

THE MOUNT FOREST POST OFFICE

(Erected in 1912)

Whose obliging Postmasters and staffs have been of most valuable assistance in getting the Mount Forest newspapers mailed to their subscribers

T G Smith, Postmaster 1862 to 1920

Miss Mabel Smith Postmistress 1920 to present

Gold and Diamonds

Gold and Diamonds

Following is some account of a number of Golden and Diamond Wedding celebrations that have been held in Mount Forest and district within recent years, mostly of old residents. There are probably many others, but we give such as we have been able to get data for. The names are placed in alphabetical order.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS AINLAY

Thomas Ainlay was a son of Richard Ainlay lumber merchant of Guelph, and was born in Guelph on March 31st 1839. He came to Mount Forest in 1869 and two years later he married Miss Margaret Gow of Guelph who is still living in Mount Forest with her daughter Miss Margaret. Mr. Ainlay died on Jan. 2nd 1929, after nearly 59 years of wedded life.

MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER ALLEN

Alexander Allen was born in Tubbercurry, County Sligo, Ireland, on May 2nd, 1827, learned the shoemaker trade and while working in Sheffield England married Miss Harriet Thompson of Mount Shannon, County Galway Ireland, at Easter 1854. They returned to Mount Shannon after their marriage and after the birth of their first daughter now Mrs. P. H. Harper Yorkton Sask. came to Canada in 1856, settled at Riverstown, Arthur Township where his brother John Allen father of Dr. G. F. Allen had preceded him and where their brother George still living at Rothsay aged 97 with his wife a sister of Mrs. Allen had followed them as also did John and Hugh Thompson brothers of Mrs. Allen. Mr. Alex. Allen took up 100 acres of land and was farmer, store keeper, shoemaker, first postmaster and practical but free veterinary at Riverstown. He was a member of Arthur Township Council for a number of years including the one when aid was voted to the Toronto Grey and Bruce Railway. About 1875 they removed to Mount Forest where Mrs. Allen died on March 27th 1906. Mr. Allen died nine years later on March 29th 1914. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1904. Their family all still living, consists of five sons, George L. Mount Forest, Dr. A. H. dentist of Peterborough, Ont., J. Thompson and Dr. C. D. dentist of Tampa, Florida, Wm. J. of St. Petersburg, Florida, and four daughters, Mrs. Philip Harper, Yorkton, Sask., Mrs. Alex. Hutchinson, Mount Forest, Mrs. A. R. Keep, Tampa, Florida, and Mrs. Arthur Hill, Cleveland, Ohio.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM CAULFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Caulfield were both born at Arkell, Guelph Township, the former in 1832, the latter whose maiden name was Elizabeth Ilen, on April 25, 1837. They were married on October 19, 1851 and their golden wedding would occur on that date in 1904. They came to Egremont in the spring of 1858. Mr. Caulfield died on Feb. 6, 1909, and Mrs. Caulfield on May 31, 1911.

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Mr and Mrs Dunn have been closely associated with all church activities and organizations While residents of Toronto they were members of Parkdale Methodist Church and in Mount Forest have been members of the Wellington St Church Mr Dunn being a member of the Official Board for many years

Mr and Mrs Dunn with their daughter Miss Ethel assisted by Rev and Mrs R A Pacey received the many friends who called during the afternoon and tendered their congratulations and best wishes The rooms were prettily and fittingly decorated in a color scheme of gold Mrs G R Gilroy and Mrs M Morgan were in charge of the tea table while Mrs Tanner Mrs Alex Calder Mrs Charles McKenzie Mrs Emmerson and Miss Conner assisted in serving refreshments

Congratulations were received by cable wire and letter from many friends who were unable to attend in person from London Elmg Boston New York and Drayton We join in the wish of a large circle of friends that Mr and Mrs Dunn and Miss Ethel may long be spared to enjoy many years of delightful home companionship

MR. AND MRS. JOHN FAIRBAIRN

Golden Wedding

(Confederate April 1 1914)

Mr and Mrs John Fairbairn celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Feb 24th 1914 when between 30 and 40 guests gathered to do them honor those present including five of the six surviving children of the family Eleven grandchildren were also present The other guests consisted of neighbors Before sitting down to the supper Mr Fairbairn presented his bride of fifty years ago with a new wedding ring and then led her into the repast The supper was followed by toasts proposed by Rev Dr Marsh and addresses were made by John Swanston R T Dodds J D Main John McArthur John Philp John Caulfield John McEachern Malcolm Campbell Neil McDougall George Sackett Samuel Robb James Calder George Hamilton Charles McInnes Robert Caulfield John Drimmie Fred Dixon and Hugh Sinclair During the evening gifts were presented to Mr and Mrs Fairbairn on behalf of the family Their son Robert read an address and Mrs Fry presented her father with a gold watch and chain while the mother received a neck scarf a sweater coat a gold brooch and other pleasing remembrances The guests presented Mr Fairbairn with a gold headed black ebony cane and Mrs Fairbairn with a gold headed umbrella Mrs Chas McInnes read the address to both of the guests A number of gold coins were also given

Diamond Wedding

(Confederate March 6 1924)

John Fairbairn of the 12th Concession and Margaret Morrison of the 6th Concession both of Egremont Township County of Grey were united in marriage on the 24th day of February 1864 The cer

emony was performed at the home of the bride's father the late John Morrison by the Rev John Hay pastor of the old Presbyterian Church, Mount Forest About thirty guests were present and after dinner the young couple set out for their home on the 12th Concession, followed not only by the best wishes, but by the entire company A merry chase was led, for Mr Fairbairn always drove a good horse, and the party was ready for a good supper which was in readiness Only one of that happy company besides the bridal couple, has lived to see the 60th anniversary of that day namely, Rev Robert Fairbairn, now of Minnie Man brother of the groom The bridesmaid the late Mrs McAlpin died only a few months ago

Relatives and friends and neighbors gathered at their home on Feb. 28, 1924 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their wedding In the afternoon short speeches were made by Rev G S Scott, Chas. McInnes and John McArthur and a social time was enjoyed by all present A dainty buffet lunch was served including the bride's cake A family re-union and supper followed, to which over thirty sat down Those from a distance were Mrs. Eby Guelph, and Robert Fairbairn and family of Orangeville

Professor Kyle and some of his pupils besides others added to the entertainment of the evening and when the day closed all joined in singing Auld Lang Syne

Mr and Mrs Fairbairn have lived their entire wedded life on the same farm, and the first church services of the Fairbairn Presbyterian congregation was held in their house

John Fairbairn

(Confederate of Feb 6, 1925)

As intimated last week Mr John Fairbairn, one of the oldest and most prominent farmers of Egremont departed this life Sunday the 18th day of January 1925

The deceased was born in Wideopen, in the parish of Lotholm, Roxburghshire Scotland in 1840 and came with his parents to Peterboro, Upper Canada in 1858 being then 18 years of age In 1861 the family came here and settled on lot 20 Con 12 Egremont, and built a small log house and began pioneer life in the woods, remaining on the same farm ever since

On Feb 24th 1864 he married Miss Margaret Morrison also of Egremont who is still active at the ripe age of 83 years

Being a man of more than average strength and courage (to his honor be it said) he devoted his whole time and talent to the well being of his home and neighborhood Mr Fairbairn was a farmer in the true sense of the word He interested himself in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and was an exhibitor at the C.N.E., Toronto. The Fairbairn family manifested a great interest in the welfare of the Presbyterian church and in the early days of the missionary of the

cross, held service in their house until about the year 1846, when a log church was built on their farm and named Fairbairn Presbyterian Church.

In the year 1881 a substantial brick church was built on the adjoining corner and still retains the family name.

The deceased was elected to the office of Deacon at the first election of church officers in 1871 his fellow deacons having passed away many years ago. His home provided food and shelter for the missionary and the minister's horse was fed and cared for in his stable. He gave without charge the section of land on which the church sheds are built.

On Saturday Nov. 22nd he went to the stable to do some work. When he returned he was suffering from a bruise on the back of his head. He was not able to tell clearly how he was injured and his doctor was not able to do much for him and although able to be out of bed nearly every day he gradually became weaker and passed peacefuly away as already stated.

The family consists of three sons and six daughters. William on a farm near by. John C. on the homestead and Robert druggist at Orangeville Ont. (Annie) Mrs. John Caulfield Egremont, (Isabella) Mrs. John Main Waterford deceased (Jessie) Mrs. Rev. Joseph (Margaret) Mrs. Robert Caulfield deceased, Woodland (Mary) Mrs. Fred Dillon, deceased Mount Forest and Jemima Mrs. W. J. Lidwell of Loveland Iowa.

Rev. Robert Fairbairn of Stonewall Man. only brother of deceased is still alive at the advanced age of 87 years. There are seventeen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairbairn were blessed with a long and happy life and celebrated in health and strength their golden and diamond wedding days, surrounded by their children grandchildren, friends and neighbors to whom they were affectionately attached.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM GIBSON

William Gibson was born at Elora in April 1845. His parents were among the early pioneers. He was one of the first manufacturers of caskets in Canada being with John Mundell of Elora in 1863. In that day the measure of the corpse was taken and the casket was made to order. He remembers going out to Nichol Township with another to measure a corpse but it rolled over and the frightened young men fled. He enlisted with the Elora Company in 1865 and went to the front in 1866 so is one of the fast lessening number of Fenian Raid veterans. Mary Cooper was born in Esquesing. In 1867 they were married by the Rev. John Duff. The following year they moved to Mount Forest Mrs. Gibson travelling alone by stage with a young baby her husband having gone ahead to make arrangements for her coming. Mrs. Gibson died on Nov. 7, 1923. Mr. Gibson has retired from the business still carried on by his two sons. F. J. and A.E. Gibson.

MR. AND MRS. W. J. GILBERT

(Mail Contractors of Mount Forest)

From The Confederate of Sept 19, 1913

[illegible] a reception at Mount Forest on Wednesday of last week Sept 17th 1913 The [illegible] guests and esteemed citizens Mr and Mrs W J Gilbert [illegible] completed 5 years of wedded life which [illegible] appropriate the occasion was taken advantage of by a number of their many friends

Besides the [illegible] guests from out of town were their daughter Mrs [illegible] and husband and two little daughters [illegible] Mrs Gilbert's sister Mrs [illegible] Mr Fred C Gilday cash manager of Pequegnat and Co [illegible] Mr George R Gilbert Mrs [illegible] Miss Helena Tasker Mount Forest and Miss Mrs Smith her brother in law Mr James P Armstrong [illegible] Mr Bruce Armstrong and wife Mount Forest Mrs Gilbert's daughter Mrs Meredith Wright and Mr Wright Arthur Tp and daughter Mrs Amos Patterson Mount Forest their nieces Misses Jessie and Maggie Wood daughters of a cousin Mrs Sam Campbell and Mrs Melville Shaw with Messrs Campbell and Shaw Arthur Tp Dr and Mrs T [illegible] Methie and Miss Kate Mc

kle, Mount Forest Mr Theron Gibson Toronto Rev and Mrs D Wren Mr J A Lambert Mr and Mrs F E Hendershot, Mr and Mrs A W Wright

The afternoon and evening were spent in pleasant social intercourse A sumptuous supper was served Later in the evening a programme of speeches and music over which the town editor had the honor of presiding was greatly enjoyed Nearly all of the men present and some of the ladies took part Dr Meikle the oldest acquaintance of Mr and Mrs Gilroy led off Mr Lambert as oldest acquaintance in Mount Forest followed Mr Theron Gibson an old associate of Mr Gilroy particularly as members of the Dominion Temperance Alliance and the Committee of One Hundred, gave a happy speech but could not refer to the fact that it was the anniversary of his own wedding as his wife had died two years ago Rev Mr Wren made a very appropriate address as did also Mr F E Hendershot nearest neighbor and Mr Campbell Mr J H Addison, Mr G R Gilroy and others Among the ladies Mrs G R Gilroy Mrs W H Gilroy and others made particularly suitable speeches as did also Rev W E and Mr F H Gilroy The latter introduced Miss Florence Addison and Master George Harrington Gilroy who presented their grandparents with a purse of gold and a box of bon bons In reply Mrs Gilroy the bride of the evening rendered two fine recitations perfectly memorized and excellently rendered, and Mr Gilroy the groom feelingly thanked all for their presence and for the many kind things that had been said

All the guests who spoke referred to the high esteem in which they held Mr and Mrs Gilroy and to many worthy traits of their character

The programme was pleasingly varied by musical selections rendered by Mrs Addison and Messrs Fred and W H Gilroy

The highly interesting proceedings terminated with the singing of Blest be the tie that binds" and prayer by Mr Wren

Biographical

William John Gilroy was born in Merrickville Ont in 1845 His parents came from Monaghan Ireland in 1837 and were seven weeks on the ocean in a sailing vessel He went to school in his native place and when still a boy became a clerk in a store there In 1866 he served as a volunteer at the time of the Fenian Raid at Prescott where his father formerly served at the time of the Mackenzie Rebellion He holds the Fenian Raid medal and had a grant of land also in recognition In 1868 he married They came to Mount Forest in November 1875 and he went into business for himself in a store near where Mr Shales store now stands and rented from one Pearce About three years later he bought from Mr Wm Tasker the property at the corner of Main and Wellington streets where he continued in business until he sold out some three years ago to Mr W J Stephen and retired to a well earned rest

Mr Gilroy took an interest in public matters He was a member of the Town Council for two years, and of the High School Board for about ten years, being a member when the present High School building was built

Mr Gilroy has been a member of the Methodist Church for 50 years Most of that time he has been a member of the Quarterly Official Board He has been a delegate of two General Conferences, at Montreal and Winnipeg He has been a strong supporter of temperance reform, and an independent Liberal in politics.

Mrs Gilroy was born a year later than her husband in Leeds County about ten miles from Kingston Her parents came from County Armagh, Ireland, and they were seven weeks and three days at sea With her parents she removed to a farm about 15 miles from Kingston After her marriage her life history merges in that of her husband

Both Mr and Mrs Gilroy are hearty for their years and their many friends unite in wishing them many added years of life.

Their family consisted of Margaret Evangeline (Mrs) who died ten years ago and to whom affectionate and grateful reference was made by Rev W E Gilroy Jane Gertrude Mrs J H Addison, two daughters who died in infancy Rev W E and Frederick H

MR. AND MRS. JOHN FLEMING

This worthy couple were married in 1855 and spent 63 years of happy married life in Mount Forest Mr Fleming was born in Edinburgh Scotland in 1829 and died on April 30th 1919 Mrs Fleming was born in Armagh Ireland in 1836, and died in Toronto on May 29, 1922 They were real pioneers of Mount Forest Their family consisted of four daughters Mary Mrs (Rev) E T Carter, Clinton North Carolina Georgia Mrs Wm T Robinson Toronto Jeanette Mrs J. H McNamara Walkerton and Gertrude, Mrs C F Turner Toronto

MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER GOW

Celebrate at May 31, 1922

The diamond anniversary of the marriage of Mr and Mrs. Alex Gow was celebrated quietly by them at their home on Saturday when many friends who called to offer congratulations and best wishes on so unique an occasion received a warm welcome from the bride and groom of sixty years ago Many messages and tokens of congratulations from a distance were also received by them Their sons, Robert of London and Walter of Harriston were unable to be present but three daughters Mrs S A Pennock Mrs G W Burrows, of Mount Forest and Mrs Evan T MacDonald Mr MacDonald and three sons of Owen Sound were present Mr Gow's sister Mrs Ainlay and Mrs. Gow's nephew, Mr John Ellis, wife and little son, of Flint Mich also spent the day with them. Not only have Mr and Mrs Gow lived to enjoy sixty years of wedded life but

their family circle is unbroken a remarkable record Dozens of roses and other flowers gave a fitting appearance to the drawing room, and tea was served the callers by Mrs Peacock St Alban s Lodge sent them a handsome bouquet with best wishes.

It was at Berlin, now Kitchener that Alexander Gow and Mary Stewart were married on the 16th of May 1844 Three years later they came from Galt to Mount Forest and have made their home here since that time Mr Gow who is ninety years of age enjoys daily a long walk about town Some months ago he gave up his shop on Main Street long the meeting place of Mount Forest s old-timers, but is keenly interested in the questions of the day rarely misses a meeting of St Alban s Lodge A F & A M and is a regular attendant at Westminster Church Mrs Gow essentially a home loving lady is recovering from a severe cold but is able to move quickly about the house and to be interested with her husband in current events and local happenings She has one brother who lives in Galt There are ten grandchildren and one great grandchild

NOTE In this Diamond year of Confederation Mr and Mrs Gow are still in fairly good health Mr Gow in fine weather is able to take his little walk and enjoys meeting old acquaintances

MR. AND MRS. EDWIN HALL

This worthy couple celebrated their golden wedding on Friday April 23rd 1917 They were married in Arthur Village just 50 years before and have spent the most of their married life on farms in this district and for eleven years past in Mount Forest Previous to her marriage Mrs Hall was Mary Shortz daughter of Lawrence Shortz of the 2nd of Arthur She was born in Trenton in October 1855 Mr Hall was born in Pilkington Township on Dec 18 1849 and is a vigorous and hard working man to be in his 70th year and in spite of the handicap of the loss of an arm in a threshing accident at Cuba just before he came to Mount Forest They fourteen of a family eleven of whom are now living James of Hamilton Elizabeth Mrs Wm Fitzpatrick and Martin of Moosejaw Rose Mrs John Fournier Jennie Mrs John Fiehe Catherine Mrs Frank Perkin and Christopher Detroit Edwin of Stratford Joseph of Saskatoon Annie Mrs Patrick McKeown Arthur Township and Mary at home

MR. AND MRS JOSIAH HAMPTON

Josiah Hampton was born in County Armagh Ireland on April 3rd 1833 and was of English descent When six years of age he came to Canada with his parents, who first settled at Bondhead for ten years then moved to a farm on the Owen Sound Road south of the town, then to one north He married Miss Georgia Buchan and after 50 years of married life he died on January 25 1911 Mrs Hampton still lives in Mount Forest but in infirm health Their family consisted of three daughters and one son Mrs Elijah Robinson Mt Forest Mrs Thos W Scott Toronto Mrs W J Crooks, Vancouver and W B Hampton Buffalo N Y

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT JACK

Mrs Robert Jack is probably the oldest resident of Mount Forest having come here with her mother in October 1855 Her maiden name was Christina Davidson and she was born in Lanark Co Ont on October 2 1841 She was married on Christmas Day 1871 to John Jack who was born in Dunblane Scotland on Nov 8, 1844 They have lived in Mount Forest or on farms in Arthur and Proton ever since Both have been in poor health for some years cared for by their daughter Miss Margaret Jack

MR. AND MRS. W. H. JONES

William Henry Jones was born in the town of Niagara on August 30th 1830 His father was also born in Niagara in 1800 his grandparents having come from Wales before the close of the 18th century When six years of age he moved with his parents inland to Ten Mile Creek now Homer near St Catharines His grandmother died in 1847 at 97 years of age and his father in 1857

On October 7th 1855 he married Frances Ann Appelbe of Esquesing In 1869 they removed to a farm about six miles north of Mount Forest Normanby side Some twelve years later they came to Mount Forest where he continued in the contracting business removing repairing and erecting buildings In 1894 he went to Orton in Erin Township conducting a flour and feed business for 8 years They returned to Mount Forest in 1902 He was a member of the town Council for several years later of the Cemetery Board and was also for several years a Public School Trustee

Their Golden wedding occurred in 1905 and their Diamond wedding in 1915 both passed quietly Mr Jones died on May 29, 1920 Mrs Jones on October 23 1921

MR. AND MRS. ELI MERRER

Mr Merrer was born on Nov 15 1845 in Hope Township, near Port Hope in the middle of the road as he jokingly says The house had been built before the surveys had been made and when the surveyors came to locate the road they had to run the line through its door and a back window Mrs Merrer was born in the township of Clarke on May 12 1850 her maiden name being Mary Jane Vincent They were married at Bowmanville on June 4th 1869 so that their 54th wedding anniversary is approaching For some years they lived in Clarke Township in Hope Township and Teeswater before coming to Mount Forest 41 years ago They are now living quietly in their home near the C N R Station Their family consists of one son Roy of Long Beach California and seven daughters Annie Mrs Josiah Brown Toronto Georgina Mrs Emmerson Garbutt Islington Etta Mrs Charles Johnston Detroit Florence Mrs George Reid Port Frances Edith Long Beach California Ida Detroit Lucy Mrs. Orville Martin Southampton A prized photograph shows four generations Mrs Merrer her daughter Mrs Brown her son Ernie Brown and his little daughter Betty Brown

SENATOR AND MRS. JAMES McMULLEN

Senator McMullen was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, on November 29th 1833, and came to Canada when ten years of age. He lived at Fergus and Dundas before coming to Mount Forest in 1856. Mrs McMullen was a daughter of Robert Dunbar of Guelph, where she was born on May 11th 1836. They were married on September 30th 1858. They celebrated their golden wedding quietly in 1908. Mrs McMullen died on March 12, 1913 and Senator McMullen on March 16th less than five days after his wife. Senator McMullen was our most distinguished citizen. The members of the family were William A. now of Kansas City, Catherine L., Mrs. Walter S. Dickey then of Kansas City since deceased, James Albert and Robert Thomas, now of Toronto. Two children, James Charles, who died in infancy and Minny who was 7 years of age, were deceased.

MR. AND MRS. DANIEL NICHOLSON

Daniel Nicholson was a son of Daniel and Mary Nicholson and was born in Peel Township. Mrs. Nicholson, whose maiden name was Mary Green was born in Peterborough County lived near Mulbrook for a time and came to Peel Township in 1849. In 1855 they were married by the Rev. Ezra Adams and settled in Minto, near Teviotdale where they lived together for almost 66 years. Mr Nicholson died about three years ago and Mrs Nicholson on March 16th 1927.

MR AND MRS. THOMAS NORRIS

(Confederate of October 7, 1926)

One of those rare events that happen only once in a lifetime and not in many lifetimes occurred here on Monday Sept 27. It was the fiftieth anniversary of Mr and Mrs Thomas Norris, of this town, and members of their family and a few friends assembled at their home on Fergus Street to extend congratulations and best wishes to the bride and groom of half a century ago.

Mr and Mrs Norris, then Mary Ann Grose were married in Ebenezer Church Goldstone, on September 27th 1876 by the Rev Joseph E. Leaistone and since that time have shared the joys and sorrows of married life living in Peel Township, in Egremont and latterly in town.

Among those present were their two daughters, Mrs Thos H. Bowman Egremont and Mrs Henry L. Nicholson O.S.R. north and their husbands. Mr Wm Grose of Salem, a brother and Mrs Thos. Grose of Drayton, a sister in law of Mrs Norris. Mrs J. T. Boyle, sister of Mr Norris and Mr Boyle. Mrs Moses Auger sister of Mrs Norris, and Mr Auger. Mrs. W. H. Nicholson cousin of Mrs Norris. Rev. R. A. Facey and Mrs Facey. Mr and Mrs William Treleaven, and as many grandchildren as could be present.

A wedding repast was enjoyed, including wedding cake The tables were appropriately decked with white and golden asters. Addresses of felicitation were delivered by Rev Mr Facey, Mr Treleaven and Mr Grose. Tokens of remembrance in the form of gold coins jewelry and chinaware were presented.

Many friends here and elsewhere unite in congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happy wedded life together

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS NORRIS

MR. AND MRS. WALDO PUTNAM

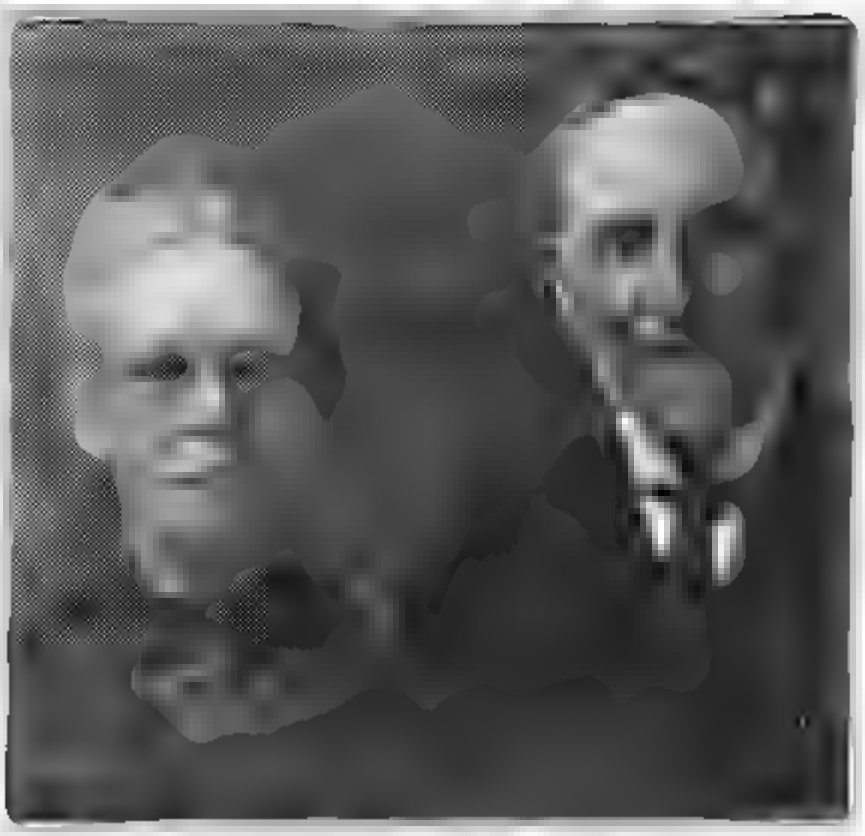
From The Confederate of October ? 1965

Another memorable anniversary was fitly observed in Mount Forest at their residence on Durham St on Monday the golden wedding of Mr and Mrs Waldo Putnam two of our oldest and most respected residents

Mr Putnam was born in Mount Forest nearly 73 years ago on October 31 1891 and has resided here continuously since He is probably the only person living in town with that record If there are others we shall be pleased to hear of them

Mrs Putnam whose maiden name was Mary Black was born at Dairy Scotland In 1873 she came to Canada to visit her brother Mr Angus Black then a resident of Mount Forest The next year she was married to Mr Putnam on October 8th 1895 by the Rev Wm Forman Eight children nineteen grandchildren and four great grand children are their living descendants One daughter died in infancy

All of the four sons and four daughters were present to join in the celebration on Monday Nellie Mrs F H Baird of Aurora Ont Ruth Oswego N Y Emily Mrs J H Hayden of Guelph Ont Andrew New York City Louise Mrs Sidney G Bodsworth Westfield N Y Hattie Mount Forest Willie Mrs Albert S Brown Vancouver B C Lawrence Chatham Ont Members of the family came from points right across the continent Among them was a granddaught



their many friends, a number of whom called. At six o'clock a family dinner was served, attended by five of their children with their families. Telegrams were received from four others at a distance. There were also expressions of respect and affection in the form of gold coins, flowers and other gifts. Many acquaintances, old and new, join in best wishes for their health and happiness for many years yet. Both are enjoying very good health at present.

Mr. Ross was born in Aberdeenshire in 1846. When eight years of age he came to Canada with his parents, who had a family of four sons and four daughters. They settled in Brant County near Cheltenham. Here he remained until 22 years of age when he taught school for a year in Carrick near Muldmay in 1871. Then he came to Egremont settling on a farm near Fairbairn. On Dec. 29th 1875 he married Ann Jane Caulfield, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Caulfield. Rev. Hugh Crozier performed the ceremony. Mrs. James F. Durant is the only person still living in Mount Forest who attended the wedding. Mr. W. F. Stevenson who is 102 years of age, and still living in Manitoba, was also in attendance.

In 1878 Mr. and Mrs. Ross moved to the Orchard farm near Cedarville. In 1887 to the Vance farm, Egremont, and in 1902 to the Wm. Fraser farm on the 6th of Egremont, where they remained successfully engaged in farming until they retired 14 months ago to Mount Forest.

Mr. Ross was auditor for Egremont Township for 25 years, during which time he made 26 audits of the township. He took an active part in the Egremont and Mount Forest Agricultural Societies, raised good crops and good stock. He was a member of Fairbairn and Woodland churches, and was inducted at Woodland as elder in 1909. He was superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. Mrs. Ross was a useful member of both churches and they are at present members of Westminster Church here. Mr. Ross enjoyed a trip to the Pacific Coast visiting Victoria, Vancouver, Portland and the Exposition at Seattle in 1909. He also visited a brother at Weston, Oregon, who is still living at Walla Walla, Washington.

Mrs. Ross was born in Egremont in 1854. Since marriage her life has been spent with her husband. In 1913 she had a trip to Victoria and Vancouver. She has living two sisters, Mrs. Archie Vance, Vancouver, and Mrs. Alex McIntyre, Myrtle, Man., and four brothers, Messrs. John and Robert Caulfield, Egremont, Wm. J. of Proton and Alfred of Vineland, N. J.

Ten children comprised the family, all living except Bessie who died three years ago. The others are: Melville, Vancouver; Oliver, Kenkatoon; Fred, Egremont; Frank, Port William; Albert, Hazel on the homestead; Mrs. Wm. McDougall, Egremont; Mrs. Dan Hunter, Vancouver; Mrs. Ed. Rogers, Egremont; and Mrs. F. A. Brooks, Toronto.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK MUNSELL

together A purse of gold was presented by the family to the happy in commemoration of the happy day

A brother of Mrs. Russell, Mr John Johnston, of Uxbridge was also a guest. Another brother Mr Hiram Johnston of Uxbridge is also still living Mr Russell has two brothers out of a family of seven brothers and four sisters, William and Hiram, who live at Ida, Michigan.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT SCOTT

On the 14th day of November 1866 Mr Robert Scott married Mary Jane Reid and their marriage was a very happy one until his death in 1923 They celebrated their golden wedding very quietly on Nov 14th, 1916 Mrs Scott died on June 8th, 1923 A short time before his death her bereft husband expressed the wish that he should not live to see another anniversary of their wedding day He was buried on that day Nov 14th 1923 Mr Scott at the time of his decease was the oldest resident of the town and one of the most respected, as Mrs Scott was beloved by all who knew her

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SMALL

(From The Confederate of March 24th, 1927)

One of those very rare family events a diamond wedding occurred here on Monday last when Mr and Mrs George Small celebrated quietly the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage Mr and Mrs Small, two of our oldest and most respected residents have been receiving the congratulations and good wishes of old friends and acquaintances on the auspicious occasion Later on at some time during the summer a family reunion commemorating the great event will be held all being well The only members of the family that were able to be present this week were Mrs J R Mercer and little daughter Jean of Kenora who arrived on Saturday Mrs Mercer assisted in receiving callers and tea and wedding cake were served

Mr Small was born in Sommersetshire England on Feb 11th 1839 and is thus in his 88th year Mrs Small who was Elizabeth Bedford daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bedford was born in Waterloo Township on Dec 26 1843 and is in her 82nd year They were married at her home not far from Fisher's Mills near Hespeler on March 21 1867 the year of Confederation Seven or eight years later they removed to Mount Forest where they have resided ever since always on Sligo Street

Their family consisted of five daughters and one son Minnie Mrs S E Merifield of Brantford who died in January 1926 Jennie Mrs (Dr) G J Musgrove Niagara Falls who died in December 1931 Annie Mrs J R Mercer of Kenora, Ont., Charlotte Mrs (Rev Dr) J F Johnstone, of Hartford, Conn., Myrtle Mrs Walter Mills, Wadena, Sask., and I J Small of Kelvington, Sask There are 19 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Stevenson moved to Egremont Grey County (Ont) several years later and resided there for about thirty years taking an active interest in both municipal and Dominion politics From Egremont Mr and Mrs Stevenson moved to Hillview Man in 1913 where they have resided for the past thirteen years

Mr Stevenson who will be 90 years of age on March 1 is the father of 11 children and has 40 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren Of the eleven children there are four residing in Vancouver these being Dr R G Stevenson Mr Walter Stevenson of Kerrisdale Mr Harry Stevenson and Mrs W M Cushing of Gibsons Landing Mr and Mrs Stevenson intend staying in Vancouver for about two months when they will return to their home in Manitoba

NOTE Mrs Stevenson lived for some years afterwards We have a record of the 62nd anniversary of their wedding on Feb 17th 1916 The above portraits were sent us at that time by Mr H I Stovel of Winnipeg

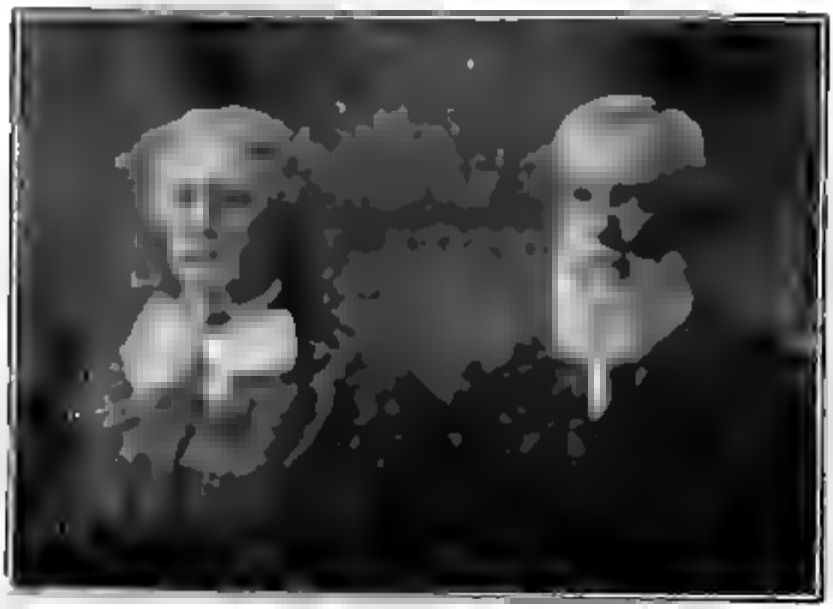
MR. AND MRS. JAMES TUCKER

Celebrated their golden wedding on Tuesday evening March 29th 1927 James Tucker of Egremont and Fanny Bridges of Belgrave were married by the Rev Mr Innes Anglican rector at Belgrave Since that time they have resided on their farm Lot 4 Con 2 Egremont Of five children three remain Thomas of Durham Mrs Joseph Brown of Bentinck and Mrs James Belgrave of Egremont

MR. AND MRS. W. H. WALLACE

(Contributed of March 1, 1917)

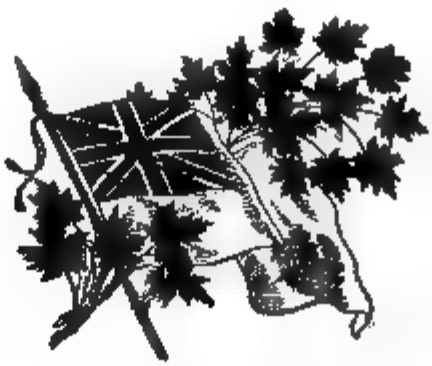
A pleasant event took place at Woodland on Thursday evening February 15th when a number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr and Mrs Wm Wallace to join with them in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding Mr Wallace the eldest of a family of five children came with his father James Wallace from Peterborough County in the spring of 1853 and settled in the virgin forest on the farm which has ever since been the family home stead The family experienced all the trial and privation of pioneer life but by dint of hard work and careful management a comfortable home was secured and the farm is today one of the most desirable in Grey County Mr Wallace chose as his life partner Miss Elizabeth Patterson daughter of the late William Patterson of Guelph their marriage being performed by the Rev Mr McMillan of Durham Their union was blessed with six children one of whom Oscar passed to the Great Beyond seven years ago The others are happily settled in the vicinity of their home Harry and Alex Mrs Charles Beckett on the 6th of Egremont Helena (Mrs George Hill on East Luther Will and Edith at home Until 1880 the family lived in the cosy log house built in the early days and still in occupation In that year their present commodious brick dwelling was erected a model of comfort and convenience and a centre of genial hospitality and good cheer in the neighborhood



source in the famous Woodland Springs— a bit of water such as Tennyson made to sing, "Men may come and men may go. but I go on forever" Not only is the babbling brook an economic asset, but a source of pleasure too, as Mr Wallace has utilized it to provide a splendid trout pond, on whose well stocked water he and the members of his family spend many a delightful hour in emulation of the art of Izaak Walton.

At the golden wedding all the children were present as well as the following relatives and friends Mrs Robert McBride, Mrs. Wm. Patterson, Mr Frank McBride, Mr George McBride, Mrs. Louise McEachern, Mr and Mrs. Sam Peckover, Mr and Mrs. Robert Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. W A. Gardiner Mr and Mrs. John T McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dillon, Dr and Mrs. Jones, Sr., Mr and Mrs. Alexander Jamieson, Rev and Mrs. Moyer, Mr and Mrs. Spencer and Miss Kate Currie. A bountiful supper was served in the spacious dining room to which all did ample justice. The gathering was brought to an end by the invocation of the Divine blessing and the singing of 'God be with you till we meet again,' after which the guests took their departure with sincere wishes to their host and hostess for many more days of happy wedded life.

NOTE— Mrs. Wallace died on April 21, 1920. Mr Wallace married Miss Alice Louisa Hills on Nov 4th, 1923, and they are living retired in Mount Forest.



For Canada and The Empire

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The Fenian Raid

The Military history of Mount Forest began with the formation of the Mount Forest Rifle Company in October 1860. It served in the Fenian raid of 1866 under Captain Alex Godfrey, Lieut. James Pearce and Ensign John Rogers. James Colclough was a member of the Company. M. O. Macgregor and M. S. McNiven went as members of other Companies, the former as Acting Lieut. of the Elora Company. We are sorry we cannot give a complete list of those who went from Mount Forest. We are informed that the records were burnt.

James Colclough, in some reminiscences that he wrote for The Confederate in 1911, eloquently says, in part:

In 1866 as was the response of patriotism to the call of country found every Canadian alert and anxious to defend his country and what it stood for against the enemy. Sommes, Ypres and Vimy Ridge were not then among the objectives, but the spirit that has made these places famous is not alone Canadian History but the History of Democracy was not wanting amongst those who answered the call to repel the Fenian Invasion and Freedom will never want defenders while Canadians walk the earth.

M. O. Macgregor in a letter he wrote to The Confederate about the same time first tells of coming up from Elora to play cricket. He says:

My next visit was I think in January or February 1862. Owing to the Trent Affair the government established volunteer companies throughout Lower and Upper Canada, and sent sergeants from the regular army to drill and instruct them. The government provided arms and accoutrements only. The officers and men had to provide their own uniforms. The Elora Company chose a reddish Canadian gray cloth for their uniforms and the Mount Forest Company preferred a steel gray color. As cash was rather scarce among the volunteers ways and means were taken to relieve them of that expense and among such [illegible] was holding a [illegible] ball. A number of us drove up to Mount Forest by sleigh from Elora, arriving at our destination just in time to don our uniforms for the dance and as we left next morning just after the festivities were over we saw nothing of the beauty of the town. The ball was held in a brick skating rink house and I think it was that little brick building that used to be in the rear of the Public School but was torn down some years ago.

The Editor of these Memories well remembers seeing the Mount Forest Volunteer Company passing the Dunnock School on their way to Guelph to take the train for the front. They expected to go to Sarnia, but after a couple of days in Guelph the Company was

ordered to London, as stated in a copy of The Examiner of June 14, 1866, lent us by Mr W W Lewis Immediately on arriving they were billeted out in the town, the barracks being fully occupied by the regular troops, some 1500 in number There were collected some 21 companies of volunteers mustering upwards of 1,000 men, so that the citizens of the Western Metropolis should feel tolerably safe for the present

Red River Expedition

Mount Forest's contribution to the Red River Expedition under Sir Garnet Wolseley in 1870 was confined to one man, George Scott, who was selected as one of ten men, one from each company of the Wellington Battalion to go to Winnipeg to suppress Louis Riel. "He was the crack shot of the Company and a very hardy, wiry lad." He took an active part with the 1st Ontario Rifles going over the wild and hazardous Dawson Route to Fort Garry After his return he married Elizabeth Lewis in 1873 In 1906 they removed to Winnipeg and in 1912 from there went Vancouver where they celebrated their golden wedding on February 20, 1923 Mrs. Scott died two months later and Mr Scott on January 10 1925 Three of their sons served in the Great War.

South African Rebellion

The Boer War gave rise to an outburst of Canadian patriotic fervor for the cause of Britain and Mount Forest was represented by three of her best most loyal and most heroic sons who went with the first of four contingents to South Africa, and took part in the great struggle They were Frederick W Campbell, James B Corley and Frank Dill

Fred Campbell was born in Oxford County on June 15th, 1868. When he was six months old his parents, Mr and Mrs. E. B. Campbell brought him here when they settled on their farm in Normanby, near Glenedeen From early manhood he had a love of soldiering and was connected with the Mount Forest Company of the Wellington regiment in which he rose to be captain.

In the South African campaign he showed great bravery and resourcefulness In a brilliant way he saved a cannon from capture by the Boers The spokes of one of the wheels had been smashed and the gun could not be moved. Campbell got some table legs from nearby Boer dwellings fitted them into the wrecked wheel and the gun was gotten away

Another gallant action was when he rescued James B. Corley, whose arm had been shattered and he was in danger of being left on the field Campbell carried him to safety and in all probability saved his life.

MOUNT FOREST BOYS IN THE BOER WAR

Sergeant F. W. Campbell **Private J. B. Corley**

Trooper Frank Dill

(From The Confederate of March 8, 1900)

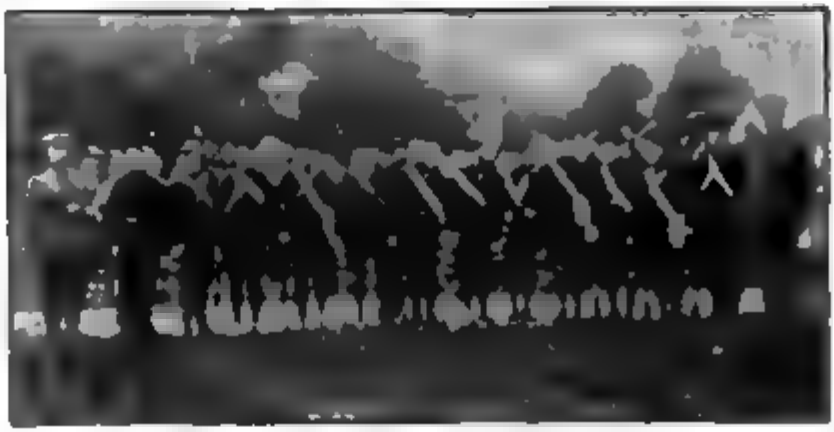
Captain James B Corley is a son of Mr John Corley. When he enlisted for South Africa he was serving as a drug clerk in Toronto, and not quite eighteen years of age. He was severely wounded in South Africa, and was later in a London hospital with fever After his return he entered the Dominion postal service. After a period as railway mail clerk he received promotion to an inspectorship, with headquarters at Calgary where he enlisted for the Great War in which he had a captaincy He was wounded twice Since his return he has occupied important positions in the Postal Service in British Columbia and Alberta

[illegible] greater danger of inward rebellion and disintegration. All races, creeds and parties are practically united on the side of the principles of freedom and righteousness against the principles and [illegible] tyranny and barbarism. Let us forget [illegible]

[illegible] request made by Premier [illegible] that a state of war exists between Germany and Canada. From [illegible] Canada has been at war and [illegible] for the duty [illegible] [illegible] has been called for the [illegible] [illegible] and men [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] war Canada sprang to arms and Mount Forest was [illegible] Captain Fred Campbell [illegible] [illegible] and within a fortnight had more than one [illegible] [illegible] Company [illegible] of the First Canadian [illegible]. The [illegible] remembers the meeting of August [illegible]

OFF FOR THE WAR



THE MOUNT FOREST [illegible] MARCH AUGUST [illegible] 1914

[illegible] Leonard Oswald [illegible] Frank Murphy [illegible] Norman [illegible] Thomas Miles Sharp [illegible] Benjamin Cornwall [illegible] A. R. [illegible] Walter Potter and Frank Murphy. [illegible] the group

(Continued, August 20, 1914)

On Monday morning the Mount Forest contingent for Canada's first division [illegible] [illegible] to see Britain in her great

fight in behalf of honor and freedom left here by the morning Grand Trunk train. They had a send-off worthy of the occasion and one which will not soon be forgotten by those who were present.

The corps assembled at the armories at seven o'clock and shortly after that marched to the station accompanied by the Citizens' Band and a large escort of people on foot and in carriages and autos. We venture to say that though outwardly cheerful nearly everyone was moved by feelings too deep for expression.

Thirteen men [illegible] the corps. They were headed by Capt. Fred Campbell, a noted Alberta veteran whose self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of the preservation of Canada and the Empire are beyond all praise. His experience will be invaluable to the men and will be much missed by the regiment as a whole. Dr. A. H. Leary, a former Captain of the Company, who has also volunteered for active service, a great personal sacrifice was also presented with a uniform by and may go with the Company awaiting notice that might come at any moment. The other members of the corps are Innes Smith, Wm. Watson, Frank Murphy, Harry Gardiner, Murray McFadden, Morgan Seim, James Wade, Norman Campbell, James Lawson, Robert Muir, Oswald Walsh, Buzzer Frank Pearson, Mc Grant, Bratley. These were selected from about thirty-five that volunteered for the service. As only 125 were asked from each recruiting district a dozen were all that were needed from Mount Forest.

On reaching the station the corps was photographed by LeVarme. Many took advantage of a few minutes waiting to shake the brave young volunteers by the hand and to wish them God speed. Just as the train pulled in Mayor Thomas Clarke made a short address to the contingent. He said he did so at the request of the ladies of the town. He complimented the contingent on their patriotism and bravery. He said our present experience was a sample of what was taking place all over the Empire. He called on Mrs. Beatrice V. M. Coyne to present a little token of remembrance to each member of the corps. Mrs. Coyne presented Captain Campbell and Capt. Parry with a fountain pen and each of the others with a jack knife and pencil, wrapped in a small Union Jack. Captain Campbell thanked the ladies on behalf of the Company and led by the Mayor three hearty cheers were given to them. The corps then entrained and the cheers were renewed when the train pulled out to the playing of the band of "God Save the King."

Good-bye and a Safe Return.

Our Second Contingent

(Confederate of August 27, 1914)

Captain Fred Campbell who returned last week to settle his private affairs, had a sale on Monday of implements, stock etc., which was fairly satisfactory. A force of neighbors and men from town including Rev. Mr. Chilcott and Inspector Galbraith finished his harvest on Monday and Tuesday. On Tuesday evening he sold his

farm to Mr George McFarlen Mrs Campbell and children are to stay in town with her father Mr Alex. McGillivray Miss Campbell goes home to her parents On Wednesday morning the Captain left for Valcartier accompanied by an additional detachment of five men from Mount Forest Ira Morrison Thomas Dowsett, Willard Smith, George Moore and Wm Falkingham This makes Mount Forest s contingent twenty in all One or two may have to return from Valcartier when inspected there but it is hardly likely A couple of hundred people were at the C P R station to see them off Mrs Coyne presented them with a parting gift and the crowd gave them three cheers and a tiger safe back, one and all !

Notes and Sketches

The proposal was to raise a Division of 20,000 men to go overseas to help Britain stay the German invasion of Belgium and France. By our Department of Militia, under the driving force of Sir Sam Hughes, within two months an Expeditionary Force of 33 000 men was assembled at Valcartier, armed and transported to Europe. In October they landed at Plymouth After a few months' training at Salisbury Plains they went over to Flanders Presently on the battlefield of Langemarck these Canadian troops saved Calais, and on many a field later with Canadian comrades who followed them to France won immortal fame The story would take volumes to tell, and we can give only a few notes and sketches here.

How Fred Campbell Died

Following is the account given in Canada in Flanders by Sir Max Aitken now Lord Beaverbrook, Vol 1 Page 136 describing the Battle of Givenchy

Lieut F W Campbell with two machine guns had advanced in the rear of Captain Wilkinson's Company The entire crew of one gun was killed or wounded in the advance but a portion of the other crew gained the enemies front trench and then advanced along the trench in the direction of Stony Mountain The advance was most difficult and though subjected to constant heavy rifle fire and machine gun fire the bombers led the way until, further advance was impossible owing to a barricade across the trench which had been hurriedly erected by the enemy The machine gun crew which reached the trench was reduced to Lieut Campbell and Private Vincent, a lumber jack from Bracebridge Ontario the machine gun and the tripod In default of a base Lieut Campbell set up the machine gun on the broad back of Private Vincent and fired continuously Afterwards, during the retreat German bombers entered the trench and Lieut Campbell fell wounded Private Vincent then cut away the cartridge belt and, abandoning the tripod dragged the gun away to safety because it was too hot to handle. Lieut Campbell crawled out of the enemy trench and was carried into our trench in a dying condition by Company-Sergeant Major Owen In the words of King-

lake. "And no man died that night with more glory yet many died and there was much glory."

This was on his 47th birthday June 15, 1915. He was taken to the base hospital then to the Military Hospital at Boulogne, where he passed away on June 19th. His grave is in the cemetery of Boulogne.

The story as told at the time to the wide world by cable through the press was as follows:

A thrilling story is narrated concerning the heroism of Lieut. Campbell of the machine gun section. After reaching one of the enemy's trenches he was unable to get a satisfactory position for his machine gun. It was when the Germans were pouring a heavy fire, not only from the front but on the left of the Canadians. Lieut. Campbell desirous of meeting the attack on the left knelt down in the trench and supported the gun on his back while his corporal fired it. Campbell was severely wounded. The men of the battalion speak in high terms of his brilliant example and courage at all times."

There is an important difference in the two accounts as to which hero bore the gun and which fired it. The cable account is confirmed from other sources. For instance the following

How Captain Campbell Died

(From The Confederate of Feb. 10, 1916.)

Two young men of Detroit, George S. Craig and Hark C. Haskin, who fought in the trenches in Flanders, have returned and have been giving in the Detroit papers an account of their experiences. They fought with the Canadians and were invalided home. They appear to have had an intimate knowledge of the events connected with Captain Campbell's death and their account is the most graphic that we have read, and is probably the most accurate that can be had, though there are a few obvious errors. It sets at rest the doubt as to whether it was Captain Campbell or his assistant that took the place of the tripod for the machine gun and shows that there were two similar heroic events, one at Langemarck near Ypres, the other at Givenchy. As the stories in regard to Capt. Campbell are of great local interest we quote them nearly entire. Of the fight at Langemarck Mr. Haskin writes in part:

"We held the first line trench several hours and about 10 a. m. started for the second line trench. We had a good fight here. Our throats were still raw from the gas and we remembered the men who had writhed with their tongues hanging out. An Italian who had enlisted went crazy in the hand to hand struggle. He knocked down two or three Germans before they plugged him. A Russian who belonged to a western Canadian company stood at the end of the trench and bayoneted the Germans as they pressed toward him. Standing up there sticking a man, dragging his body over the trench side, and doing the same with the next who came along, he reminded

me of a former pitching day. He had a heap of ten or twelve before a machine-gun another part of the trench brought him down.

It was here Lieut. Campbell dropped to his knees to let the machine gun be operated on his shoulders. The man carrying the tripod had been killed. The machine gun a small thing that a man can carry by its handle rested on Campbell's shoulders. If the heated barrel burned through Campbell's uniform through his shirt through the skin the naked flesh. It was of this he Campbell received the Distinguished Service Order. He was recommended for this order but was not conferred. Ed. It was for a repetition of this that he proper got the Victoria Cross. Campbell was killed. The details of the are a part of the official records of the British War Office. Campbell stood beside the gun spitting bullets at the rate of 600 a minute mowed down the Germans like sheep. Our men were just waiting eagerly to complete the job when I got mine."

George H. Craig tells a longer story to a similar effect. We need give only a condensation.

The company was in an officer one of the jolliest regiment squarest officers in our battalion Lieut. Campbell. I think he was from London Ont. He was in charge of a machine gun section. Ride? That man was born to have grown on a horse. And game? I'll never forget him when the charge was hung up and down before the line. We were all lying on our stomachs in open ground swinging his little machine gun and smoking a cigarette.

'Campbell, lie down, you get on my nerves,' bellowed Lieut. Col. Becher who was killed a few moments after. But Campbell only laughed and kept walking up and down. Campbell wasn't just reckless. He didn't mean to show off. I think he felt it was part of an officer's duty to inspire his men with courage. Anyway Campbell was a regular fighting man when he was going into battle. The prominent remember inspire him with a sort of superb gaiety and he bid-ded the men do they forgot the shells were falling or until them.

When we charged and drove the Germans back for quite a distance. Then they got reinforcements from somewhere and pressed us steadily back. I was all hand to hand fighting with the bayonets being used freely. I had gone forward with the 'suicide Mob' (bomb throwers) and had come through without a scratch but we were all of a mix and there were fighting each other as. The only place for us to make for was the rear here and to reach them we had to face a murderous machine gun fire. The whole battalion was in danger of being wiped out here.

Then Campbell passed his hero stage. Our machine gun section was badly shot about and there was but one gun left. Lieut. Campbell had grabbed the gun part from a fallen man and a corporal whose name I don't remember had the ammunition. The fellow carrying the tripod had been killed and the tripod itself was captured. Campbell and the corporal got in the rear of our retreating line and directly in front of the German rush. Campbell dropped to

his knees, the corporal mounted the gun on his back and worked it, while a third chap fed the ammunition The Germans sent rank after rank up in a wild effort to break through Our battalion reached the trenches with only the normal number of killed and wounded. The lieutenant and his machine gun had saved us

When it was all over Campbell fell unconscious, not from a wound, but from pain The gun had got hot from the firing, and it had burned through his uniform shirt and naked flesh to the backbone!

Yes, Campbell recovered and was given the D S O He recovered to do exactly the same thing again when part of our crowd was in a tight fix at Givenchy The only difference was that this time the trench had been blown up by a mine and was in such a mess that there was no place to set the tripod Campbell knew what to do and he did it He did it till the battalion was saved and his backbone once more just a seared mass of burnt flesh I know what his back looked like, for I saw it when we got the body back of the lines (There is an inaccuracy here, for Lieut Campbell was taken out of the trenches wounded and died four days later in hospital Ed.)

Posthumous honors came to the name of Captain Campbell In the Confederate of August 26, 1915, note was made of the announcement in the official Gazette of six Victoria Crosses, the first of the recipients being Captain Campbell He was the first member of the Canadian Army to receive this recognition which is an additional honor Later his promotion to the rank of Captain was announced.

WON MILITARY CROSS

Lieut Frank Murphy won the Military Cross at Passchendaele, Nov 5 and 6, 1917 From an authentic though unofficial source it was learned that this honor was won while taking supplies to the front line trenches under a heavy German barrage Lieut Murphy, in charge of twenty mules loaded with provisions and in spite of the protests of his superior officer took in the food to his battalion and got out with the loss of only one man and a mule. Lieut Murphy reasoned that men that were not fed could not fight, and ran a very great risk to supply the food of which his comrades were in great need

RECEPTION FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

(From The Confederate and Representative of March 20, 1919)

The reception tendered our returned soldiers on Monday evening was a pronounced success, and was greatly enjoyed by all who took part A large number of our Boys attended both banquet and concert and no doubt appreciated the attention shown them.

The banquet served in Carnegie Hall was a sumptuous one and

was prepared by the ladies. Those who partook were the returned soldiers and nursing sister (Mrs. Ross Jamieson), present members of the Town Council and the Soldiers' Aid Commission. Rev. Wm. Cooper, chairman of the Reception Committee, presided. After the good things had been partaken of a short toast list was gone through with. Mr. A. S. Clarke proposed a loyal address proposed The King, which was duly drunk. Mr. A. W. Wright proposed the Army and Navy and in doing so he mentioned that had Lord Roberts not been great as a soldier he would have risked to Canada, the Empire as he would. This was responded to by Capt. A. R. Perry who in each Wilbert's story which stirred the appreciation of the audience for the reception given them. A toast was proposed by Mr. Perry was drunk to Our Honored Dead. A toast proposed by Mr. A. S. Clarke to the Ladies for their part in the war and preparing the good things that was enjoyed by Rev. Mr. Thompson. Rev. Father Kelly made a few appropriate remarks in the splendid work done by the ladies. Many hearts that would have been heavy to know that the war was over stopped beating. There was still a great deal to be done in the world, and every one gave loyal support as has been shown by ladies. The proceedings which had been enlivened by music on the piano by Miss [illegible] and a solo by Mr. Albert Weaver were brought to a close by singing "God Save the King."

[illegible] was [illegible] and a happy success. [illegible] people from the town and a number from the [illegible] were present. It was a real time [illegible] part [illegible] Mr. A. S. Clarke, chairman, [illegible] Mr. Cooper, president of the Association, [illegible]. The Pipers' Band [illegible] Donald Stewart, Mr. [illegible] Mrs. A. Weaver, Mr. [illegible] Miss [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Miss [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Miss [illegible]

medical staff Dr Perry [illegible] touch with very many Canadians and others [illegible] speak with great authority [illegible] the Canadian troops [illegible] had been of the best [illegible] The Canadian troops [illegible] Ypres had [illegible] They had [illegible] Tommy [illegible] to do and [illegible] They were [illegible] could well be done [illegible] lies entirely [illegible] something they do not care to say much about [illegible] The nervous strain [illegible] takes some time to recover [illegible] when they are fit [illegible] only about 5 per cent [illegible] a great [illegible] Canadians [illegible] Speaking of the hospital work [illegible] Atlantic [illegible] for the Nursing Sisters [illegible] deserves great credit

The [illegible] was a rollicking [illegible] sketch entitled [illegible] Speaker [illegible] Messrs J H Fisher and J A Robertson in the well known [illegible] style

The singing of God save the King closed the concert

The [illegible] was like a big family gathering in which the various elements [illegible] community [illegible] together in the happiest manner possible without distinction of class or nationality [illegible] everyone did his best to make everyone else feel at home

Among [illegible] present were the following

[illegible] Capt A R Perry Capt W H [illegible] Pte M J Pentlick C A Hoyle W A Patton [illegible] Campbell [illegible] Mrs A Tanner C N Williamson [illegible] A Mrs A Morrison A M Corrigan J F Nolan F W G Wade [illegible] Mrs M Schwenk [illegible] Fur[illegible] Jas Cameron [illegible] W Gosnell Thos W Padfield Wilfrid Nesbitt R [illegible] G Hay Thos Stuart Allen Albert Durkin [illegible] Mrs A Bowers [illegible] R Gosnell M F Madden [illegible] R [illegible] A J Wilson Hadli Meikle P A McLaren Geo A Rose [illegible] Chittle Wm Pearson H Steele R A [illegible] Wm Blackburn H R Watt A J [illegible] the following [illegible] members of the Company [illegible] Rev Wm Cooper Rev David Wren Rev R J Sturgeon Rev Father Kehoe Rev N R McLeod Rev W G O Thompson Messrs E D Yale J J Lock J T Allen A W

Wright, R. Galbraith, G. L. Allen, W. H. Steele, H. E. Yeomans, A. S. Clarke, Geo. L. Ernst, G. P. Bateman, J. P. Noonan, Mayor Luxton and perhaps others whose names we did not secure.

ENLISTMENT OF THE 153rd BATTALION

During the winter and spring of 1916 recruiting went on actively for the formation of a detachment of the 153rd Battalion under Lieut. Pinkerton and Lieut. Mundell. Mount Forest had quite a military appearance for about five months and the call of the bugle was a familiar sound. On May 19th, 1916, a farewell banquet was given to the unit. It passed off very successfully. The detachment left town for London, where it was under canvas during the summer and was in barracks at St. Thomas during the following winter. In the spring it received orders to go overseas. About twenty of them were home for the last week end in March. There was a large crowd at the Grand Trunk station on Monday morning March 26th. Mayor Thos. Clarke addressed the men briefly just before the train came in. He said the citizens were sorry to part with them, but he was sure they were going to act the part of men and they had the hearty good wishes and prayers of all. They would acquit themselves as Canadians and Loyal Britons. Their names would be inscribed on the Roll of Fame that is to be placed in the Town Hall. "Our hearts are with you" he concluded, "in England in Belgium, in France and in Germany." Rev. Wm. Cooper also addressed a few words to the boys as the train came in. The boys gave three cheers for Mount Forest and their friends and boarded the train and were lustily cheered by the crowd as they pulled out.

Mrs. Tait, Mrs. Seim and Miss M. B. Kingsmur were a deputation presenting parcels of comforts from the Women's and Girls' Patriotic Leagues. The work of these Leagues throughout the war was persistent and liberal and cheered the men in khaki exceedingly.

The Battalion went overseas but was not kept permanently as a unit, the men being distributed among various other units.

ENLISTING THE 248th GREY BATTALION

After the enlistment of the 153rd Wellington Battalion enlistment went on here for the 248th Grey Battalion. Lieut. J. L. Yule, of Owen Sound, was the officer in charge and many recruits were secured.

POTATOES AND PATRIOTISM

In the summer of 1917 the matter of food production was an all important one for our soldiers and for those at home. In the spring people generally planted as much garden as possible and a large number of the people had shares in a town potato patch in a field leased from Mr. Daniel Murphy. At a meeting of those interested

held on October 28th Mr T G Haslam, treasurer submitted a statement showing a surplus of $90 Of this $75 was donated to the British Red Cross and the remainder to the Women's Patriotic League Three cheers were given Messrs J T Allen F J Bright R. Galorth and Dr Charlesworth who had borne the brunt of the work

MAN AND WOMAN POWER REGISTRATION

In 916 the Canada Registration Board was created for the purpose of carrying out a census of all males and females in Canada over 16 years of age in order to secure a better distribution of the industrial forces of the country Mr J B Moon was Registrar for this district In the country registration took place in the school houses with the teachers in charge For Mount Forest the deputy registrars were Rev R J Sturgeon and Messrs P O Nelson L A Fleming and J W Mather The assistants were Mrs A G H Luxton Misses Mary Martin Agnes Martin Annie Martin Mabel Wells Margaret Darragh Ruby Steve, Effie McLachlan Nellie Kilgour Lizzie Robertson Clara E Black Aileen Noonan Margery Filable, Retha Gardiner and Grace Wright Registration was to be completed on Saturday June 22nd 1918

IF YOU CANNOT FIGHT, PAY

In common with most other places in Canada, Mount Forest was called upon for contributions towards Red Cross, Belgian Relief and Patriotic Funds On Monday evening Jan 15 1917 a Public Meeting was held in the Town Hall under the auspices of the Home Guard Mr J B Moon President was in the chair The singing of Rule Britannia by the audience led by Misses Wright and Pickering, and solo by Mrs Tanner with Mrs A E Gilbert at the piano, comprised the musical numbers with the National Anthem to close Addresses were given by Capt Dr Manfie and Mr T Hewell As a result the following committee was appointed to carry out a canvass J P Nelson R Galbraith G R Gilroy J J Cook, Dr G P Allen F F Lambert James Pickett A W Wright J E Robertson T F Sparks Eric Hutchinson A W Turner J A Douglas, J B Moon T G Haslam E B Wade and resident clergymen

At a meeting of the Executive on Feb 26 it was reported that over $5 000 had been subscribed and over $1 600 had been paid in

THE EXEMPTION TRIBUNAL

As the war went on it became increasingly difficult to secure recruits and more means of conscription was introduced Exemption tribunals were established The for Mount Forest and district was composed of Messrs G L Allen W C Perry and Dr McPhaden, the latter representing the Government The work of the tribunal was often extremely delicate and difficult

REMEMBERED ON ARMISTICE DAY

Following is a list of those whose names and deeds have been remembered in Mount Forest cemetery on Armistice Day

Served in France

Private Alexander Brown
Captain F W Campbell, V C.
Private George Conttie
Private William Cowan
Private John Cushnie
Gunner Charles Donaghy
Private George Heyd
Private George Hunt
Private Ernest McKeown
Private Robert S. Martin
Private Douglas Smith
Private Howard Smith
Private William Smith
Private Russell Webster
Private Charles Wilson

Private Peter Brown, Served in England

Served in Canada

Lieut Harold Bright
Nursing Sister Alice Cook
Private Spencer Robertson
Private Earl White

Wreaths were also provided for Sergeant Thomas Lowry Imperial Veteran, and to wives or next of kin, having no plot in the cemetery

Margaret Shannon for Michael Shannon,
Mrs Emerson for her husband,
Mrs Smith, for J Doyle,
Mrs. Seaman, for Samuel Seaman.

THOSE WHO SERVED

Following is an extended list, so far as could be procured of those from Mount Forest and surrounding community of those who served in any military capacity in the Great War of 1914-1918

Of the abbreviations K means killed (W) wounded (G) gassed (X discharged in Canada, W O R Western Ontario Regiment, R A F Royal Air Force, C A D C, Canadian Army Dental Corps C A M C Canadian Army Medical Corps C R T. Canadian Railway Troop, C M R., Canadian Mounted Rifles R.C.D. Royal Canadian Dragoons M H Tor, Medical Hospital, Toronto R C E. Royal Canadian Engineers, C.S.E.F, Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force, C O R., Central Ontario Regiment, R C R Royal Canadian Regiment, H D, Headquarters Division, R C N V R. Royal Canadian Veteran Reserves, M M., Military Medal, M C. Military Cross V C, Victoria Cross

Adair Chas Robin (Killed)
Adair Bert
Adair Walter
Adams Bert
Addison A M Wm (X) R A F
Addison Harry G. Gas Def Div U S A
Allen Geo Hermis (W) 153rd Bn.
Allen Sig Euart 153rd Bn
Armstrong Geo. (K)
Armstrong J 153rd Bn.
Amos Forbes (D)
Arscott F (X) 153rd Bn
Audsley Edward 153rd Bn.
Baker Calvin (K) 153rd Bn.
Barber Percy

Barber Herman J W 153rd Bn
Barber Lloyd 153rd Bn
Bateman Sergt Harry [illegible]
[illegible]
Beehler Mark [illegible] 134th Bn
Begley Peter [illegible] Am Expedition
Bedford Henry A R R [illegible]

LT. COL. JEAN M. BERTIN

Bedford Herman Henry A [illegible]
R R
Bober Mark [illegible] W 153rd Bn
Bober Samuel W [illegible]
Bember John R 153rd Bn
Bember Joseph [illegible] 153rd Bn
Bember John 153rd Bn
Berth Warren W W 244th Bn A
Bibbons Sam [illegible] 153rd Bn
Bone A J 54th Bn
Bowman Lieut-Col Wm A W
153rd Bn
Bradley Percy

Brember Cpl John
Brember Pte Lt Duncan R A F
Bright Lt Harold [illegible] 153rd Bn
Bruce Lincoln [illegible] W
Bryan Alex R 71st Bn
Bryan Thos J [illegible] 3rd Bn
Bryce [illegible] 153rd Bn R A F
[illegible] M M M
Inv Hg
[illegible] Thos R 153rd Bn
Buchanan James [illegible] 43rd Bn
[illegible] Capt F W [illegible] R 1st
[illegible] Norman R J 1st Bn
[illegible] Lauer [illegible] 153rd Bn
[illegible] M J R 162nd Bn
[illegible] Nel R 168th Bn
[illegible]
[illegible] Ira W 58th Bn
[illegible] J R [illegible] 4th Bn
[illegible] Sergt Howard R J
A Tr
[illegible] Herbert [illegible] R
[illegible] Hobart R
[illegible] [illegible] Harry W 153rd
[illegible] 247th Bn
[illegible] Wm 153rd Bn
[illegible] Jas W 153rd Bn
[illegible] Wm T W 153rd Bn
[illegible] John
[illegible] Reg W 232 Bn
[illegible] Capt J H [illegible] W
[illegible] Wm A W 35 Bn 1st
1 N T
[illegible] George W 153rd Bn
[illegible] A W 153rd Bn
[illegible] James A 1st [illegible] M R
[illegible] Wm F W 153rd Bn
[illegible] William W O R
[illegible] Sergt James H [illegible] 168th Bn
[illegible] N [illegible] M
[illegible] [illegible] Pte [illegible] F 54th Bn
[illegible] [illegible] W 153rd Bn
[illegible] Harvey [illegible] 153rd Bn
[illegible] Wm F [illegible] 20th Bn
[illegible] N [illegible] Edith [illegible] W M Tor
[illegible] Albert 168th Bn
[illegible] Lieut
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] B C D
Howard Howard [illegible]

LIEUT. ARTHUR HERBERT, V.C.

GEORGE REYD

Goodyear Fred (X)
Goodyear Harry
Goodyear Robert (X)
Golden Michael 153rd Bn
Gordon W Douglas (W) 153rd Bn
Graham John (K) 34th Bn.
Graham Robert 74th Bn & 42nd
Grant J W (W) 153rd Bn
Gregor Gr J R 27th By
Groat Harvey
Hall Chris Machine Gun
Halliday L C J W (K) 44 Can Inf
Halsted Capt T H U S A Red Cross
Hanna W George
Hardy E J 153rd Bn
Hartt James M M (W) 71st & 54th
Hartt Flt Lt John (W) R A F
Hartt Charles U S. Army
Hattle Peter (X) W O R
Head Ernest (X) 71st Bn
Healey Patrick (K) 71st Bn
Healey U.S.A.
Heffernan T M (X) 153rd Bn.
Hebden William (W)
Heslyer Spr Elmore J Div Sig.
Henry Geo. M. 153rd Bn.
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Heyd George (K) 97th & 38th Bn.
[illegible] Ed (W)
[illegible]ing George
Hopkins John 6th Bn.
[illegible]pkins J (W) 153rd Bn.
Hunter Charles A (W) 153rd Bn
Hunt George S (K)
Hunter Roy
[illegible] Neil (W)
James Albert (W) 153rd. 8th Bn
Jamieson Capt R A C A.M C
Johnston Fred W (W) 24th Bn
Jones Alfred (W) 153rd, 8th Bn.
Jones John (G) 124th
Keelan Harry J (W
Keane John (W) 124th 4th Div
Keith Robert (G) 147th Bn.
Keith Major G W 204th Bn
Keir Alex (W) 153rd Bn.
Kerr Finlay
Ketchum Spr G Colin 5th C E.
Kingdom Fred 153rd Bn.
Kingston Gr Fred
Lamont Murray 5th Forestry
Larkin Sidney (W) 71st Bn
Laroque J (W) 153rd Bn.
Lawson James 1st Bn
Lee Geo 153rd Bn
Lee Victor (G) 153rd Bn.
Legge Cpl Chas. S 123rd Grenadiers
Livingstone Roy (X) W.O R.
Loudan J D
Lowry John 95th Bn.
Lyons Albert E. (W) 61st By
Madigan Laure Corp Mich. (W)
Manary Corp Wesley (K)
Manion L. A 153rd Bn.
Manion Ambrose W.O R.
Mapp Percy
Maricle Anthony (X) 153rd Bn
Mark N S Agnes C.A.M.C.

Martin N. S. Jean M. C.A.M.C.
Martin Bert (K) 92nd Bn.
Martin Spr Alex. D. M.M. R.E.C.
Martin Thos. W
Martin Donald Jamieson
Meikle Sig. Haddo (W) R.C.E.
Meikle A. M. Peden (X) R.A.F
Mercer F R. Tank. Batt.
Mercer A M Roy (X) R.A.F
Meyers Joseph (X) 153rd Bn
Miller J H 153rd Bn.
Miller Joseph F (H.D.) R.C.N.V.R.
Miller Cecil (W) 147th Bn.
Moore George (W) 153rd Bn
Moore Marshall B. (K) 71st 36th, 113th Bns.
Moore E E. (K) 153rd Bn.
Morgan A G. 153rd Bn.
Morgan Sgt. Chas. A M.M. 37th By
Morrison Harold 153rd Bn.
Morrison Ira (W) 1st Bn.
Morrison Clarence (W) 153rd Bn
Morrison Cadet S. Robert R.A.F
Morrison Robert E. 3rd Reserves
Muir Robert 1st Bn.
Mulcock Arthur (K) 248th Greys
Mulhall John U.S Inf
Murdell Flt Lt. J A R.A.F
Murdoch Alex
Murphy Arthur
Murphy Cyril
Murphy Emmett
Murphy Lieut Frank M C 1st Bn
Murphy George C.S.E.F
Murphy Sgt. Nicholas (X) C.A.D.C
Murray Findlay
McArthur Wm.
McArthur Corp. Wm 4th C.M.F
McBride Sgt J Ernest 153, 47th
McCollough V 153rd Bn
McDougall Trooper Harry C.M.R.
McDougall Thomas
McEachern John (W)
McEachern Wm. J 153rd For Corps
McEwen Chester (K)
McEwen Gr Grant A By C.R.A. 6th Bn. C. Ry Troops
McFedyen Archie R.A.F.

SERGT. DOUGLAS SMITH

McGillvray Roy
McIntyre Gordon (X) 153rd Bn
McInnes Spr. John A. S.
McKechnie Flt Lieut. R.A.F
McKechnie Thomas (W) R.A.F
McKechnie Charles (X
McKeown Ernest (D)
McLean Don M. 153rd Bn
McLuhan Stan. No 7 C.S.N. C.A.M.C.
McLuhan Sig Tracey
McLuhan Lance Corp. Lew
McNair Wm. (K) 153rd Bn.
McNamara Corp. Dennis 153rd Bn
McPhaden Murray (X) 153rd Bn
McPhaden Capt Dr Arch Cavalry
McPhaden Ivy 153rd Bn.

Plunkett F R.
Porter Wm. D. 153rd Bn.
Pratley Raymond 1st Bn.
Purchase Stephen James (W) 35 Bn.
Putnam Gr Roliston C. C.R.A. A.By
Rachar Flt Lt Elmer R.A.F
Rachar T E. 153rd Bn
Raftis Patrick (W) Western Bn
Ramsay G
Ramsay H. M.C
Ramsay Wm
Rawn Gr George
Rawn Fred (G)
Ray Sgt Malcolm
Reid Henry 153rd Bn.
Reid Elwyn (K)
Renwick Edgar
Renwick James
Renwick John
Reynolds Russell 153rd
Richetts C H 153rd Bn.
Rimmer Henry (W) 147th Bn. Inf
Rimmer Robert (X)
Robb Geo W (X) 153rd Bn
Robb Wm Alvin (X) 1st C O R
Robbie James (K)
Roberts William 29th Hy
Roberts Archie 153rd For Corps
Roberts Gr Wm 29th 35th Hy
Robinson Chas 71st Bn
Ross Pte Percy 147th Bn
Ross Sgt David J 4th Bn
Ross Hazel (X) W O R
Ross Capt Clarence (W) 147th Bn
Ross John W (W) 147th Bn
Runciman Norman 153rd Bn
Russell A M Geo (X) R A F
Ruttle Sergt 153rd Bn
Rutherford Herbert (X) 153rd Bn
Ryan J H 34th Bn
Sanders Wm Hy 1st C Ont
Scanlon George 34th Bn
Scarlett Robert (W) 153rd Bn
Schmidt James
Schmidt David 153rd Bn.
Schmidt Louis M. (W)
Schmidt Leonard 153rd Bn.
Scholes Patrick (K) 71st Bn.
Schreiber James
Scott George
Scott Jesse
Scott Victor
Scott Sgt Major Bert (W) 35th Bn.
Scott Wm 191st Bn.
Scott Driver W R. 45th, 55th Hy.
Seaman Sam (K) 153rd Bn.
Seaman O Wesley 39th Bn.
Sedore S C. 153rd Bn.
Selm Milton (W) 1st Bn.
Selm Capt. A V.S. Br Army vet. corps
Shannon Martin (X) 153rd Bn.
Shannon Michael F (D) W O R.
Shannon James (W)
Shea Patrick (X)
Sheriff Ed 153rd Bn.
Simpson Wm L. 153rd Bn.
Skales Howard (X) Tank Corps 71 By

LT. GERALD E. WELLS

CHARLES A WILSON

Skinner [illegible] 153rd Bn
Small Mervyn (W) 153rd Bn
Smiley John J 153rd Bn
Smith Sergt Douglas (D) 1st Bn
Smith W S (K)
Smith David Munn 153rd Bn
Smith W E 153rd Bn
Smith Willard (W) 1st Bn
Smith Clarence K (W)
Smith Howard (K) 71st Bn
Snell F J (X) 153rd Bn
Socket Thos (W) 153rd Bn
Steele Capt Elmer R R A M C
Steele Charles (X) R A F
Stephen Stanley (X)
Stewart Sig Archie 153rd Bn
Stewart Lt D K
Stortz Ed (X)
Storts Austin
Straith Lieut J Martin C A M C
Straith Cpl Wm.
Straith Gr Alexander
Swanston Chap Albert E
Swanston James Ferrol
Swanston N S Alice
Swanston Theodore
Tansley J J (K)
Tebbutt [name]
Tanner James G.
Taylor Harold (W) 153rd Bn
Tait Arthur
Tait W Harold
Treadwell John 153rd For Corps
Trotsky Sam 153rd Bn
Turner James 153rd Bn
Wareing Richard (D) 147th Bn
Walsh Oswald 1st Bn
Ward Francis (X) W O R
Waters Milton J (K)
Waters Fred (W)
Weber Herman (X)
Weber George (X) W O R
Webster Alex (X) 153rd Bn
Webster Charles (Overseas)
Webster Russel (K) 153rd Bn
Webster William (Victoria)
Wells Robert (X)
Wells Lt Gerald E (K)
Wells Harry (Bantams)
White Sig Harry
White Sig Earl (D)
White Geo A (W)
White Alex (C & D) 147th Bn
Williamson J H 71st Bn.
Williamson L. I 153rd Bn
Williamson Chas (W) W O R
Wills W E 153rd Bn
Wilson Chas A (K) 153rd Bn.
Wilson James
Wilson Lance Corp Harry (K) 209th Bn
Wilton Elgin
Withrow Claude
Woods James (W) 1st Bn & 49th
Woods Major (Rev) Brigade Chap
Woods Albert (X) 153rd Bn.
Young Sergt Robert (W)
Young J Arthur (X)
Yule Lt J L (G) 248th Bn

RECEIVED MEDALS IN MOUNT FOREST

Following is a list of the soldiers who received medals presented by the citizens of Mount Forest on Monday August 25th 1919 at a Soldiers and Old Boys Reunion held at that date with special services on the preceding Sunday

Assistant Mechanic Wm Addison
Signaller Euart Allen
Sergeant Harry Bateman
Private Henry Bedford
Private Max C Bexey
Private Russell Bexey
Private Warren W Birtch
Lance Corporal Sam Blackburn
Private A J Boos
Private Percy Bradley
Flight Lieutenant Duncan Brebber
Gunner John Brebber
Lieutenant Harold Bright
Private Alex Brown
Private T J Bumberry
Private James Cambridge
Private Ira Campbell
Private Carson Campbell
Captain F W Campbell V C
Lance Corporal Harry Clarke
Private Roy P Cleve
Nursing Sister Alice O Cook
Captain J B Corley
Sapper A M Corrigan
Private George Coutts
Gunner Roy M Cringle
Sergeant James Cringle
Gunner D B Currie
Signaller John Cushlee
Private Harvey Davidson
Private Albert Deaney
Private Charles Donaghy
Private Oliver Donald
Private Thomas Dowsett
Private Joseph J Doyle
Private Vernon A Doyle
Private Rupert Duffield
Captain I H Durkin
Private Don Edwards
Sergeant Horace Enson
Gunner Russell Ernst

L. REID

Private Wm Evans
Private A Finlayson
Flight Lieutenant Wm Fricker
Lance Corporal Harry Gardiner
Private L Gardiner
Lieutenant Alfred Gilroy
Captain Wilbert Gilroy
Corporal Russell Gilstorf
Corporal Wesley Gilstorf
Gunner J R Gregor
Private Chris Hall
Private Pat Healy
Private Wm Heiblen
Private George M Henry
Private George Heyd
Private George Hunt

J. W. HOLLIDAY

Private Charles A [illegible]unner
Private Roy Hunter
Private Neil Ilea
Captain Ross A Jamieson
Private Murray Lamont
Gunner Grant McEwen
Assistant Mechanic Arch McFadyen
Private Archie McFadyen
Private Gordon McIntyre
Flight Lieutenant Thos McKechnie
Private Ernest McKeown
Corporal Leslie M Lehan
Private Stanley McLuhan
Gunner Tracey McLuhan
Corporal D McNamara
Private Ivy McPhaden
Private Murray McPhaden
Private Robert McPhaden
Quarter Master Sergeant Lloyd M Pherson
Private G R McPherson
Nursing Sister Agnes Mark
Nursing Sister Jean M Martin
Gunner Robert D Martin
Sapper Alex D Martin, M M
Corporal Hadd Meikle
Assistant Mechanic Peden A Neale
Assistant Mechanic Roy Merrer
[illegible] John Miller
Private J F Miller
[illegible] George Moore
Private A G Morgan
[illegible]rgt Charles Morgan
[illegible]rris R Allen Morris
Assistant Mechanic Wm E Morris
Private Clarence Morrison
[illegible]rgt Ira Morrison
[illegible]vate Joseph Moyer
[illegible]vate Robert Muir
Private Arthur Murphy
Private Cyril Murphy
Lieutenant Frank Murphy M C
Private George Murphy
Private Leonard Murphy
Sergeant Nicholas Murphy
Gunner Robert G Neal
Lieutenant Frank Noonan
Private Joseph Noonan
Private Leo A Noonan
Private John Padfield
Private Rees Padfield
Private Thos Padfield
Private Walter Pass
Private Wilfred Patton
Private Frank Pearson
Private R Pearson
Sergeant Melvin Pennock
Captain Arthur R Perry
Private Stanley Perry
Private Louis Pfaff
Assistant Mechanic John F Philp
Gunner R Putnam
Private Ernest L Rachar
Flight Lieutenant Elmer Rachar
Private Albert Reynolds
Private Russell Reynolds
Private George W Robb
Private James Robbie
Gunner Wm Roberts

Private Spencer Mayo Robertson
Private R. Norman Runciman
Assistant Mechanic George Russell
Sergeant Herbert Rutherford
Private Lal Scholes
Gunner Wesley Seaman
Private Milton Seim
Private James Shannon
Private Martin Shannon
Gunner Howard Skales
Quarter Master Sergeant J. J. Smiley
Private C. K. Smith
Captain A. Seim
Sergeant Douglas Smith
Private Howard Smith
Private Willard Smith
Private Wm. S. Smith
Private Cane Steele
Captain F. R. Steele
Private Stanley Stephen
Private James G. Tanner
Private Harold Taylor
Sergeant Major J. Treadwell
Private James Turner
Private Harry Wells
Private William S. Webster
Private George White
Private Charles Wilson

HENRY CHILTON

Private A. J. Woods
Private James Woods
Sergeant Robert Young

THOMAS CHARLES DONAGHY

Note. The name of Thomas Charles Donaghy was inadvertently omitted from those mentioned as taking part in the war against the Boers in South Africa. He was a Trumpeter of the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles and had a share in the grand stand made by those troops at Hart's River and in other engagements. On his return while on a visit here to his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Donaghy he was presented with a gold watch and an address, on August 1 1902. Mr. L. E. Perry read the address and Lieut. Campbell made the presentation. Mount Forest's Contingent is now raised to four. He went overseas with a battalion from British Columbia in 1916 and went with an artillery draft in the summer of 1917 to France where he was killed in action.

We may say here that we regret any other omissions or errors in the record which we were anxious to make as complete and accurate as possible.

Town of Mount Forest

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THE MUNICIPALITY OF MOUNT FOREST

Pioneer History

What is now the Town of Mount Forest was primeval forest a century ago and less It lay on the Indian trail that led from Burlington Bay to Owen Sound and was visited only by wandering red men and very few adventurous whites Along this route the first settlers came Arthur Township was surveyed in 1841 and 1842 a few squatting settlers having come in before that The only road was a blazed track through the bush

Mount Forest though municipally a part of the County of Wellington, is partly within the former territory of the County of Grey Queen street being the dividing line between the two counties Portions of the townships of Arthur Normanby and Egremont were included in the original survey which was made by Charles Rankin in 1840 1841

FROM QUEEN STREET LOOKING NORTH 1871

Left Queen's Hotel Nicol & R Scott & Co with balcony Jas McMullen & Co

Right Wm Roberts Hardware etc

The town is located on the south branch of the Saugeen and is principally north of the river Owing to a curious geographical error this river was long supposed to be the Maitland and was so named

Charles Rankin the surveyor was a brother of Colonel Rankin

a long time M.P. for Essex. He was the first settler in Grey County, in the Township of Normanby as early as 1834. In the latter part of 1834 he returned to York, now Toronto, but returned to Owen Sound then Sydenham in 1851. The major part of what is now Grey County and some other townships were surveyed by him. In 1837 W. Hopkins ran a line from the Bruce Peninsula settlement (the north east corner of the township of Normanby) to the mouth of the Saugeen River, being a north west by course around the Lake Huron shore. After crossing the Saugeen he turned more directly north to Penetanguishene. Lewis Burwell (Brantford had laid out several townships at the east of the Grand River running what is known as the Burwell base. Apparently he just ran a line around the shore and established the township as one thousand acres square.

FROM NEAR DURHAM AT LOOKING SOUTH IN 1874

Left: Wm. [illegible] Right: [illegible] Shop, [illegible] Tannery, Bank Store, Town Hall, Temperance Street, Square (in front) Police Office, Wm. Tucker Residence, Andrew's Hotel, [illegible]

Hopkins was told by the Ojibway chief Newash that the river here was a branch of the Saugeen and began that name. Four years after he surveyed it, a settler, John McDonald (Lochiel) a surveyor who had laid out the present number of the townships in the County of Grey, came to survey the Garafraxa Road as it was called. It was a road three miles north of that. This point was called where two roads parted one leading from each road. There is a branch of the Maitland a few miles south of Mount Forest and McDougall, whose topography was at fault made the mistake of judging the river here to be another branch of the Maitland and changed the name to Maitland. So the site was referred to for

many years as "Maitland Mills" and "Maitland Woods" The name lingers even to the present day in "Maitland Mills", "Maitland Dam.', "Maitland Mills" and "Maitland Beach" Even an occasional resident appears to be under the impression that our river is the Maitland Such is the persistency of error

As to who the earliest residents were the record is rather obscure John Foster is said to have been the first settler on the north side of the river previous to 1840 (though the principal portion of the site was an almost unbroken forest until 1855 Richard Chalmer is credited with erecting the first building a log structure built for a blacksmith shop on Main Street near where Riverview Park now is The first lots were laid out in 1860 when Charles Rankin made a survey The Owen Sound Road was gravelled in 1860 and 1861 Maitland Mills were built some distance down the river as early as 1850, and in 1860 a sawmill was erected on the present site of the town After the site was surveyed and the road through was gravelled, the place grew rapidly By 1865 when incorporated as a village it had about 1 000 inhabitants at the time of the census in 1871 it had 1 270 and when incorporated as a town it claimed 3.000 but this was probably an exaggeration

NAMING MOUNT FOREST

It was said by some that the romantic and suggestive name of Mount Forest was formed from a blending of the ideas in the names Maitland "Hills and Maitland "Woods." by which the locality was known at first It was also said that the place was named after some estate in Ireland We have not succeeded in finding such a place in Ireland but we have discovered that there is an estate or village near the town of Ehotis in the north of Lanarkshire, Scotland, and about half way between Edinburgh and Glasgow We have seen the name on a map A few years ago two visitors were in town who came from that place and lived there

In January 1917 The Confederate had a little controversy on the matter In the issue of January 4th we stated our belief that the town was so named by Frederick McDonald, the first postmaster. This statement was disputed by Robert Morrison, who maintained that it was his father Robert Morrison with a man named Allen, who gave the town its pretty and appropriate name This statement was corroborated by Mr John Muir still living in town, who corroborated Mr Morrison's claim, saying that he had heard the elder Morrison tell of the giving of the name to the future town by himself and Allen

Mr Muir stated that one Peter Grieve built the first store in Mount Forest a frame and boarded building which later was sold to Frederick McDonald. Grieve went to Arthur Mr Muir thought, and kept store there in the early days. Later we believe, he moved to Fergus, at least in the boyhood days of the writer a Peter Grieve who came from Arthur kept hotel

Frederick McDonald secured the post office for his store and it was named afterwards Mr Muir heard Robert Morrison, Sr say

FROM KING ST LOOKING SOUTH, 1874

To Left Chrisman and Bean Furniture and Cabinet Makers W E Sherwood

To Right Present Shoe Store of Wm Thompson next building Dr Dunbar's set back from street out of sight next Cooper & Shaw Jewellers A Russell Tinsmith next R J Dale next Yeomans & Glanville next Jas McMullen's Store farther on Queen's Hotel

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that when he was in Owen Sound on County Council business he was asked what would be a suitable name for the new post office and he suggested Mount Forest which was accepted Mr Morrison thought it would be a good name because the place was a mount and it certainly was then a forest This was about or after 1860 Before and even after that time the people here got their letters at Cochrane's post office two or three miles above town near the present Cochrane's Cemetery The post office was kept by David Cochrane, who had a store there and was named Egremont

It may easily be understood how all these things had a part in naming of the future town The natural characteristics of the place, the fact that there is a Scotch place of the name probably known to McDonald who would likely discuss the matter with Mr Morrison and the suggestion was later made to the County Council, may all have had their part in the naming of Mount Forest

Municipal History

In the earlier years Mount Forest was municipally connected with the townships Arthur and Egremont in which the present site was located After the construction of the gravel road from Guelph in 1860-61 the village grew rapidly and in 1864 incorporation was granted and the village was annexed to the County of Wellington The first meeting of Council was held on January 11 1865 David Tee-

mans was Reeve Thomas Smith Samuel Dunbar, John Naismith and John Jebb were Councillors, and William Balfour was Clerk

Incorporation as a town took place in 1879 and the first Council in 1880 consisted of Thomas Swan, Mayor James McMullen Reeve, J A Halsted Wm Henderson Joseph Kilgour Neil McMillan James Reid John Reynolds Thomas Ryan Henry Stovel and Wm W Winfield Councillors with Henry Varlett as Clerk

DAM ON THE SAUGEEN RIVER, MOUNT FOREST

The above is taken from a photograph that is over 50 years old The spring freshet is on Ice and snow may be still seen The old bridge the corner of the old grist mill the saw mill may be seen with ice on the dam and patches of snow on the hillside The house to the right of the road was at one time occupied by Thomas McCutcheon later by William Sibley It fell into decay and was demolished years ago Opposite is the house built by Wm Sibley now owned by W A Trimble The house farther back can still be identified and farther back still rises the spire of Westminster Church, shortly before erected

Village Councillors of Mount Forest

Thomas G Smith 1865 to 68 Dr Samuel Dunbar 1865 67 70-71 John Naismith 1865 (Reeve from Oct 66 John Jebb 1865 66 Robert Kilgour 1865 (from September) 66-70 71 72-75 David Yeomans 1866 (Reeve until Sept) Henry H Stovel 1866 70 71 72 73 76 James C Wilkes 1867 68 William Henderson 1867 John Robinson 1868, Henry Varlett 1868-69 James Scott 1869, James M Crawford 1869-70-71-72-73 75 A T Gregory 1869 Dr Alfred E. Ecroyd 1872 73 John Ross

1873 James McMullen 1875 Thomas Swan 1875 to 79 William W Winfield 1876, Eugene Murphy 1876 Josiah Hampton 1877-78-79, James Reid 1877 78, Lawrence H Yeomans 1877-78-79, Wm Colclough 1879

Village Clerks

William Balfour was the first Clerk in 1865 In 1866 Alex Reddock was Clerk In 1867 and until his death in August 1879 William Balfour held the office with great acceptance He was succeeded by W C Perry who was Clerk when Mount Forest was incorporated as a town

Village Treasurers

Thomas Reid was Treasurer in 1865 and for nine months in 1866 L H Yeomans was Treasurer in 1867-68-69 Thomas G Smith from 1870 until 1879 when incorporation as a Town took place

Village Officials and Their Pay

The Council of the Village of Mount Forest on January 28th 1867 passed a by law for the appointment of officers for that year as follows Treasurer L H Yeomans salary $9 99 Assessor H H Stovel $30, Clerk Wm Balfour, $45 Collector John Sheppard 1½c on the $ Tavern Inspector Henry Yarlett $7 95 and Constable, Jonathan Corkern $40 A year or two later the salaries were Treasurer $15 Assessor $40 Clerk $50, Collector 2 per cent In 1876 there was an advance of $5 for the Clerk $25 for the Treasurer, $50 for the Assessor

First Town Council and Officers

On the first page of the Minute Book of the Town of Mount Forest for 1880 is the following entry

The following are the names of the gentlemen who composed the First Municipal Council of the Town of Mount Forest

Thomas Swan, (J P) Mayor James McMullen, Esquire. (J P) Reeve Josiah Hampton. Grain Merchant Deputy Reeve.

Councillors

William Colclough Druggist James A Halsted, Private Banker, William Henderson Miller Joseph Kilgour, Iron Founder, Neil McMillan, Tailor, James Reid, Brick layer, John Reynolds, Carpenter, Thomas Ryan. Blacksmith Henry H Stovel, Esquire (J P), William W Winfield, Grain Merchant Henry Yarlett, Carpenter, Lawrence H. Yeomans, Druggist.

Municipal Officers

William C Perry Clerk Thomas G. Smith Treasurer Charles Bodley Assessor, Charles Boulding. Chief Constable Thomas Stovel Collector James C Wilkes and Samuel A. Dunbar Auditors, John McFadyen. Solicitor

Mayor Swan, in his inaugural address which is inscribed in full in the minutes calls attention to the advisability of establishing an

efficient system of drainage in the town, to consider the matter of Fire Protection, to the putting up of a few street lamps, and to instituting a more efficient Police system

At the second meeting the salaries of officers were fixed as follows Clerk $300, no extras, Treasurer $50 Assessor and Enumerator, $50, Collector, ¾ of 1 per cent, Chief Constable $25 Caretaker $50.

Mayors

Thomas Swan, 1880-81, J. Hampton, 1882-83 J A. Halsted, 1884-87-88 97-98-99 1900-01, Wm. Colclough, 1885 86, 89—93, 95—6 Thos. Martin, 1894, Wm. Gruer, 1901-02-04-05, Dr C A Jones, 1906-07, Dr G P Allen 1908-09-21 25, J J Cook, 1910- 13, Thomas Clarke, 1914—16, A S. Clarke, 1917- 18, A. G. H. Luxton, 1919—20, Dr George Beacom, 1926- 27

Reeves of Mount Forest

1. As a village—David Yeomans 1865, John Jebb, 1866, Thomas Swan, 1867-68-69-74 John Robinson, 1870-71 72-75 Robert Kilgour 1873-76, James McMullen 1877-78-79

2. As a town—James McMullen 1880, Joseph Hampton 1881 85-86-87-88-89-90-94-95, William Colclough 1882-83, W W Winfield 1884, James A Halsted, 1891-92-93, Alex M Martin 1897-98. From 1897 to 1906 the town was represented in the County Council by J Hampton as one of two Commissioners from District No 8 comprising Mount Forest West Luther and Arthur Township. followed by Reeves J A McMullen. 1907 A S. Clarke 1908 M S McNiven 1909 to 1914, John Campbell. 1915 to 1924, Thos H Ellis. 1925 to 1927

Deputy Reeves

Josiah Hampton 1880, William Colclough 1881 William W Winfield 1881-82-83, Dr Chas A Jones 1884 John N. Cringle 1885-93-94, John Reynolds 1886, Wm H Kingston 1887, Allan Lamont 1888, William Gruer 1889-90-91 92-93 William G Scott 1896 John P Noonan 1897-98

There were no Deputy Reeves while Mount Forest was a village. After the Act was passed in 1896 to reduce the number of County Councillors the Reeves and Deputy Reeves had no seat in the County Council until 1907 when the basis of representation was again changed. From 1899 to 1906 there was no election of Reeve or Deputy Reeve. After 1906 the town was not entitled to a Deputy Reeve

Town Councillors

William Colclough 1880-94 James A Halsted 1880-81-83 1901-02 William Henderson 1880-81 Joseph Kilgour 1880 to 1885, Neil McMillan 1880-81-83-84, James Reid 1880-81-85-94 to 97, John Reynolds 1880-82-83-1904-05, Thomas Ryan 1880 to 83-85-86 to 87, Henry H. Stoval 1880 to 1886 William W Winfield 1880-81 Henry Yarlett 1880-81, Lawrence H Yeomans 1880, Amos Bissell 1881, James Scott 1881-83 Edward C Wood 1881-82, Allan Lamont 1882-83 85-86-

23 to 25, William H Jones 1891 92-93 97 1904 05-08 William Mc Mullen 1891 92 William Stinson 1891 Robert Brown 1892 93-94 1901 02, William Crabb 1892-93 94 Dr Wallace A Brownlee 1892 97 98, Daniel Murphy 1892 to 1896 W J Gilroy 1894 95 Duncan W Stewart 1894 1900 0 A W Welton 1894 Alex M Martin 1895-96 James McCall 1895 Gilbert J Osborne 1895 William Trimble 1895 George L Allen 1896 to 1899 Thomas Clarke 1896-97 99 1900-01-02-04 05 J T Skales 1896 Dr C A Jones, Sr 1897 98 1904 Archibald Filshie 1897 98 1900 03 W H Gardiner 1897 98 James Morrison 1897 William Nichol 1897 98 1900 04 05 06-08 10 Alexander Robertson 1897-98 Samuel Bedford 1898 Thos H Elbs 1898-1916 to 19 21 to 24 Dr Murdoch McPhaden 1898 99 William Tasker 1898 Dr George P Allen 1902-03-07-11 14 15 26 William J Duignan 1903 Geo R Gilroy 1903 George G Brebber 1904-05 Thomas P McCallcaddy 1904-07, George A Reley 1906 07 11 12 George F Chapman 1906 J A McMullen 1906 Dr A J Reynolds 1906 Thomas H Walker 1906-07, Alexander S Clarke 1907, J A Lambert 1907 Dr George Bearom 1908 22 to 25, Robt N Craig 1908-09 Sidney K Stovel 1908, George L Ernst 1909-10-11 Robert T McMullen 1909, Alexander T Stewart 1909-10-11 Arthur W Wright 1909 John Campbell 1910 12-14-25 Arthur G H Laxton 1910 to 18-23-24 J Calder McGilvary 1910-11 12 Joseph Russell 1912 13-22 Edwin Sitzer 1912 13 William Forgie 1913 William G Gardiner 1913 William H Steele 1913 19 20-23 William Patton 1914 to 1918 James N Scott 1914 to 21 24 25 Horace E Yeomans 1914 to 20, John W Corley 1915 Charles W Robb 1919 26-27 Albert E Gibson 1920 Dr Charles A Jones Jr 1920 Frank E Hendershot 1921 James Sibley 1921 Clayton P McCall 1922 Robert Young 1923 Dr Henry H Argue 1924 25 William A Smith 1925-26-27 Donald Fleet 1926 27 Charles Greensides 1926 27 Eugene Murphy Jr 1926 27 Robert Galbraith 1927

Town Clerks

William C Perry 1850 to Nov 1922 James R Moon Nov 1922 to 1927

Town Treasurers

Thos G Smith 1880 to 1883 Anthony Marshall 1884 85 Dr C A Jones 1884 to 1888 William Lewis 1889 90 Josiah Hampton 1892 John Sheppard 1893 to 1895 George J Reid 1896 to Nov 1911, George L Allen Nov 1911 to 1927

PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES, 1927

The Mount Forest Carriage Company Buggies and Cutters.
Ernst Bros Foundry Threshing Machinery
Superior knitting Company Sweaters Overalls
Mount Forest Casket Company Caskets
J A Robertson Aerated Waters
D Fleet Greenhouse Florist
F Murphy Maitland Mills Chopping and Saw Mills, Planing Ice

Woollen Mill—Guelph Felt Company Limited. Wm Pickup, Manager
J Campbell—General Blacksmith Sleighs, &c
P Morris—General Blacksmith.
Alex. Caskinette—General Blacksmith
W M. Groat & Son Chopping
T H Ellis—Chopping. Elevator

PRINCIPAL PLACES OF BUSINESS, 1927

(West side of Main Street going South)

Empress Hotel—C E. Holland, Proprietor
McQuinn & Connor—Fruit and Vegetables
A—1 Garage— Flynn Bros Proprietors, Motor Repairs, Accessories, Battery Charging, etc.
Maple Leaf Moving Picture Theatre— Val Sacks Proprietor
Jas Ellis Estate—Groceries, Flour, Feed
H. S. Tebbutt—Ladies' and Men's Tailoring
J P Noonan—Hardware, Tinsmithing, Plumbing, Stoves, Furnaces, Paints, Oils, Shingles, Lumber
Chas. Williamson—Barber
Charles Chong—Laundry
C. Moffat—Boot and Shoe Repairing
J. Parker— Dry Goods, Groceries, etc.
Harry E. Clarke—Division Court Clerk
T Clarke—Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes.
C J Thornhill & Sons—Hardware, Stoves, Furnaces, Paints and Oils, Tinsmithing and Plumbing.
Rogers & Kilgour—Millinery Parlors.
G. F Cockburn—Insurance, Real Estate.
Dr W H. Gilroy—Dentist.
Hugh Elliott—Drugs, Groceries, Stationery, Canadian Pacific Exp.
Mt Forest Garage—Geo. Langdon Proprietor Auto Repairs and Accessories.
A. Maundrell, Butcher
G. P Bateman—Dry Goods, Groceries, Mantles, Furs.
J T Skales & Co.—Jewellery, Stationery, Wallpaper, Toys, Books, Canadian Pacific Telegraph and Ticket Office.
A. S. Clarke,—Barrister and Solicitor
J H. Moon—Barrister and Solicitor Town Clerk
St Alban's Lodge A F & A M No. 200 Hall
Mrs. M Deverell—Restaurant, Ice Cream Parlor Groceries
J B. Philip & Son—Jewellery Watches Clocks.
J R Anderson—Star Grocery and China Hall.
Lyons & Giffen—Boots and Shoes, Travelling Goods
J H. Addison—Merchant Tailor, Men's and Boys Furnishings Boots and Shoes
E. E. Penwarden—Drugs, Stationery Confectionery Canadian National Telegraph and Express.
Dominion Bank—H. R Hawthorne, Manager

Duff Patterson Restaurant Ice Cream Parlor
L. Bondi—Fruit Dealer Groceries
The Hampton Millinery Mrs E. Robinson, Proprietress
C Thompson Bakery and Confectionery
J H Yungblut Butcher
Superior Stores G H Metheral Proprietor, Groceries, Flour
Grand Central Hotel E. Frezell, Proprietor
Wm Pfaff Pool, Cigars, Cigarettes
Dr G P Allen Dentist
J W Tanner Merchant Tailor Men's and Boys Furnishings.
W A Trimble Mount Forest Business College
Mt Forest Cafe Wong Hom, Proprietor
W Thompson Boot and Shoe Repairer
J A Harper Harness Maker Boot and Shoe Repairer
Geo. Freeman Boots and Shoes.
R J Dale Jewellery, Watches and Clocks
Ford Garage—Smith Bros. Proprietors, Ford Cars, Fordson Tractors Radio Accessories
H E Yeomans Drugs, Groceries, Stationery Toys, Confectionery
J Barnard Hardware Stoves Paints, Oils.
A E. Davis Barber
V E Lewis Mens Tailoring
R Scott & Co Departmental Store Groceries, Dry Goods, Mantles Furs, mens and Boys Furnishings Boots and Shoes.
Dominion Stores Groceries. R H Hoover Manager
Mrs I Levine Ladies' and Mens Clothing, Boots and Shoes.
Ernest Pike Barber
Weston & McPherson Furniture Dealers Undertaking Parlors
Belmont Hotel M. J Collins, Proprietor

East Side of Main Street going South

American Hotel B Young Proprietor
C. W Robb Implement Agent. Buggies
Alex Calder Implements, etc
N. Kloepfer—Butcher
R S. Marshall Harness Maker Boots and Shoes, Travelling Goods.
Carnegie Public Library Miss Margaret Hunter, Librarian
W W Lewis Furniture Dealer Undertaking Parlors
W McLuhan Auto repairs and Accessories.
Post Office Miss Mabel Smith Postmistress
Dr H H Argue Physician and Surgeon, Wellington St, West
Dr A. J Reynolds Physician and Surgeon. Coroner Wellington St West M O H, Arthur Twp
Dr A R Perry Physician and Surgeon, Cornoner M O H Mt Forest
Dr McPhaden Physician and Surgeon Wellington St East
Dr T D Meikle. Physician and Surgeon Wellington St East.
Bell Telephone Co Wellington St East
G L Allen Insurance Real Estate. Town Treasurer
Bank of Montreal E. B. Yule, Manager

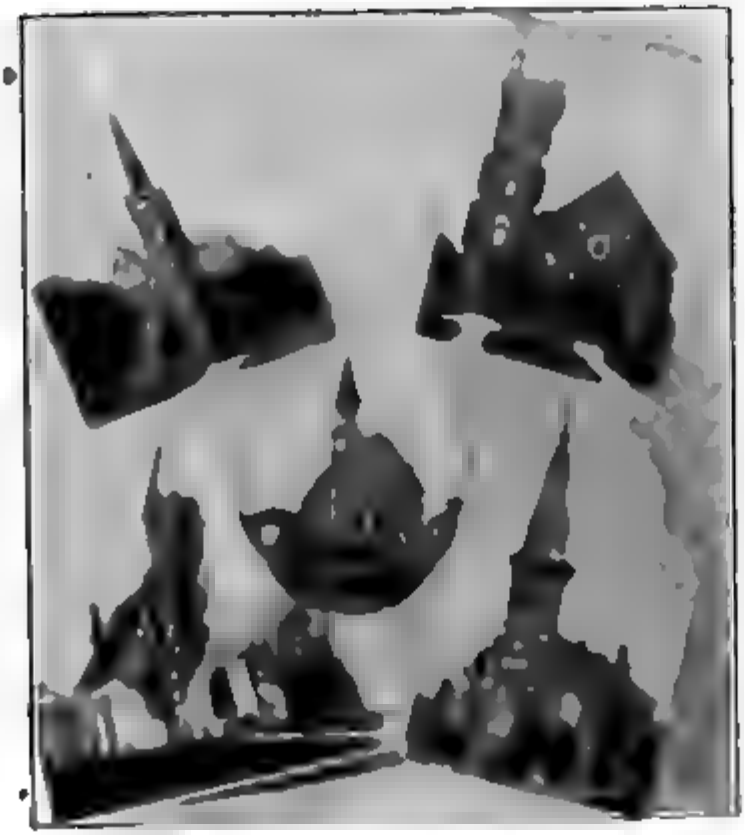
A Samuel Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Junk, Poultry, Raw Furs.
Dr E. A Rabs Dentis
J W Gilstof Barber
G. F S. LeWarne Photograph Pictures Picture Frames, Cameras.
C W Gardiner Music Store
Wm. F Potter Jewellery Watch and Clock Repairing.
Confederate Office A W Wright Proprietor
Mount Forest Social Club Club Room
R O Kilgour Barrister and Solicitor
Dr McGillvray Chiropractic Specialist
Royal Bank- R. A Fowlie, Manager
Independent Order of Odd Fellows - Hall
Independent Order of Foresters Hall
A J Corbet Marble Works.
G E. Russell Tinsmithing Stoves Furnaces, Plumbing.
E. Murphy Flour Feed Groceries. Hardware. Paints, Oils, Dry Goods, Shingles. Lumber
James McMullen & Sons Office
E. Obrecht Paint Shop
J C McGillvary Implement Agent, Buggies, Cutters.
A Marshall Variety Store Bicycles Repairs.
F Bryant— Carriage Repairing and Painting
S. Buchanan— Bakery
W Orr & Son Flour, Feed Groceries. Harness.
Armstrong & Hunter Livery and Feed Stables
M Brodsky Junk, Live Poultry, Furs

CHURCHES OF MOUNT FOREST

Anglican- St. Paul's Church

The following sketch is based on one prepared for the consecration of the edifice then free of debt on Sept 22, 1912 by his Lordship Bishop Clark

In the early "fifties of the past century services were occasionally held in private houses in the settlement by Rev J P Tremaine and Rev J A Preston, travelling missionaries. They also sometimes used the first Public School which was a modest building of logs In 1856, the Provincial Government having given site for a church at the south end of the village, preparations were made for the erection of a suitable place of worship. In 1859 Rev Stewart Houston M A was placed in charge of Arthur village N Arthor and Mount Forest his place of residence being Arthur from which he subsequently removed to Mount Forest although he continued in charge of the three stations In 1866 he was succeeded by Rev W R. Forster during whose incumbency the first church was considerably enlarged This clergyman resigned the parish in spring of 1870, his successor being Rev W J Mackenzie, who continued in charge until the autumn of 1875, when the Bishop of the newly-



An interesting circumstance connected with the event is that among the clergymen present, who numbered ten including the ministers of the town, was Canon Spencer, who, as Rural Dean of Wellington County, acted in his official capacity, reading the appointed prayers and giving the first address. At that time he was incumbent of Elora and Alma. Of the Anglican clergymen who took part he is the only one living. Of the members of the congregation as now constituted the following participated in the ceremony: W. C. Perry, W. H. Kingston, E. C. Wood, W. L. Smith, T. G. Smith, Jas. C. Wilkes.

Rev. T. H. P. Mouledale continued in charge until the church was completed and opened in the autumn of the following year. His incumbency, though short, was therefore eventful. The debt remaining on the edifice after the opening services was about $1500.

In October 1884 Rev. R. N. Radcliffe was appointed to the parish by Bishop Fuller, having as his assistant Rev. C. G. Snepp. In the latter part of the year 1889 he was followed by his brother, Rev. C. E. N. Radcliffe, B.C.L., who was appointed by Bishop Charles Hamilton, D.D. On January 1st, 1891, the charge was committed to Rev. Wm. Bevan, who retained it until October 17th, 1897, when the late Bishop J. Philip DuMoulin, D.D., appointed Rev. H. C. Burt, M.A. This clergyman's pastorate lasted until the last week in Sept., 1904. His successor was Rev. A. W. Woods, who removed in the spring of 1907 to Winnipeg, and was succeeded by the Rev. P. J. Spencer, later made Canon, who was rector until May, 1913, when the Rev. T. E. Chilcott was appointed. His successors have been Rev. W. G. O. Thompson, May, 1917, to May, 1921; Rev. E. A. Slack, May, 1921, to May, 1923; Rev. P. W. Richardson, May, 1923, to Dec., 1925; Rev. G. Napier Smith, Dec., 1925, to Sept., 1927.

A Parish Hall and Schoolroom is being built this year, 1927.

THE MOUNT FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

By James McCaw

About the year 1859 the late Mrs. H. H. Stovel gathered together a number of children in her home on Sunday afternoons and began to teach them the truths in the Bible as a little Sunday School. About 1860 one day the late Rev. Alexander Stewart, passing through the little village, noticed a sign with H. H. Stovel's name upon it, came in and enquired if he were any relation of a Rev. Mr. Stovel, a Baptist minister in England. On finding he was his uncle he thought why not organize a Baptist Church here. Accordingly in the same year with the Rev. Alexander Stewart presiding at the gathering which was held at the home of the late H. H. Stovel a church was formed with about six charter members. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stovel, William Crichton, Mary Crichton, Eli Poole, Miss Jane McGilvary.

Mr. William Crichton was appointed Clerk and held the office until 1863 when the late Mr. H. H. Stovel was appointed in his stead

and continued to act as clerk until December 1886. In 1886 Mr J J Cook was appointed to the Clerkship and continuously and faithfully filled the office until March 1926 when on account of Mr Cook's illness Mr James Robinson was appointed pro tem and at the annual meeting in January 1927 he was appointed Church Clerk.

The first Trustees were Wellington Chase and Eli Poore.

In the early days the church was equipped with the old Orange Hall, the Temperance Hall and the Knox Church until they had a building of their own which was dismantled for the present and more commodious and substantial building erected in the year 1884.

The names of the pastors from the date of organization to the present time are as follows: Rev Wm Millar, Rev Wm McKee, Rev G Calder under whose pastorate the church grew then the Rev Mr McNabb under whose ministry a great revival took place which the present aged pioneers of the Presbyterian Church will remember. The Holy Spirit was manifest especially in the Fairmount settlement. Mr McNabb began visiting from house to house and holding prayer meetings in some homes. He was assisted by Mr McNabb took sick and after a short illness passed away to that home where there is no sorrow. Then came Rev Mr Cunningham followed by Rev E Bosworth who took up an appointment in Minto's settlement and one in Fairmount also Knox Church. After about two years he got some Evangelistic fire as an evangelist and held special meetings in Farewell school house. Here again the power of the Holy Spirit was seen in conviction and converting sin and acceptance of Christ as Saviour and God and a number united with the church. Before these services were over Messrs Bosworth and Best were invited to come to Mount Forrest what was then known as Methodist Church to hold special meeting and responded beginning on April 4 1886 but the church was filled night after night listening to the Gospel some receiving Christ each night and confessing Him before men and at the close of three weeks nineteen made application for Baptism and church membership. Following this on Sunday in the week of evening services Mr Bosworth had the joy of baptizing seventeen converts at the road side those services some of which remain to this day.

Then came Rev Thos Hunter under whose pastorate the present handsome church was undertaken and built up. The Rev R F Carr Rev W Wark Rev Dr Somerville Rev C H Edgar Rev H E J Stobo.

During Dr Stobo's term Mr Evangelist Hunt from McMaster came to assist in special work for ten days but the interest was so great that all the other Protestant churches began to attend and the Hall was filled for around three weeks and the result was that a wonderful revival came. It was estimated that over one hundred souls were saved many uniting with the churches and a good many with our church rolls here.

Then came Rev W Biddell a student who as minister the

church still went forward Rev John R Cromwell Rev J F Dingman Rev Norman McLeod Rev Mr Stevens, Rev A J Loveday, Rev Dr Connors and the present pastor Rev T E Hammers

Another series of evangelistic meetings held in the latter part of August 1917 by another McMaster Band excited great interest and it is believed brought blessing to many

This church has given to the Ministry Rev Eli Poole Rev William Hartley Rev Edward Phillips Rev James Dickson Rev Archie Barbet Rev Paul Doble, and to Foreign Missionary work Miss Fannie Stovel now Mrs A A McLeod Miss Ella Gregory now Mrs Dixon Smith both of India

There have been some good local men also whose names are worth mentioning conducting the services in their own church in the absence of a pastor and in demand in the other churches surrounding us Deacon S H Westervelt who gave us forty years of faithful service until he was taken home Dr Brownlee about twenty five till he went to live at Grimsby G A Evans now of Schreiber and James McCaw with us at present

The church has received help from the Home Mission Board and was grateful for the help received but years ago declared for self support Seven years ago we built a new cement shed and succeeded in paying for it The church and parsonage worth about $20 000 are free of debt but the church needs redecorating

The Deacons are Mr D McQueen John W Ghent William Mc Dougall Angus Smith J J Cook and Jas McCaw The Trustees are D McQueen and John W Ghent The church has suffered a good deal financially by the removal of some of our good supporters and some going home to their reward yet we have ninety members, united and working harmoniously together Many of them are school children attending Public and High School and so are not much strength financially

Our prayer meetings are not so well attended as they should be and when we think of former days what a change' nearly all in the prayer meeting and pastor going out to some country home and conducting prayer service But this seems to be a thing of the past The prayer meeting is the spiritual pulse of the church and we are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our midst and especially upon the young life in our church

Our Sunday School was going before the church existed and the superintendents as far as I can learn were Eli Poole H H Stovel W Pickard Dr Brownlee D Stewart J J Cook D J Lamont and Angus Smith

In the early days Mr H H Stovel led the singing in the church until an organ was secured which was about 1864 then a choir was formed with Miss Annie Stovel as organist and Mr W Pickard leader Other organists that have served are Misses Jessie Stovel, Fannie Stovel Ella Gregory Grace Stovel, Belle Stewart Lottie Walton, Joy Cook Ruby Stovel, Agnes Cook Mildred Donald and Bessie

McDougall The choir leaders after Wm Packard were H H Stovel till about 1882 when J J Cook became leader and served the church in that capacity for about forty years then the present one J A McGillivary who became a member of the choir when he was a mere boy and has been continuously in it for thirty two years Mrs McGillivary also was in the choir as a young girl and has continuously been in it for twenty seven years Other members of the choir are Miss Ruby Stovel Mrs Jas McPherson Mrs Angus Smith Mrs S Stevenson Mrs Russell Neal Florence and Chester McGillivary E McBride Our choir has always rendered valuable service to our church A B Y P U was organized about forty years ago and was a great help to our church for it served as a training school for our young people 1st in the systematic study of the truth 2nd in spirituality and 3rd in personal work and many who have gone out from our church and some in our church can testify to the good that they have received from those meetings We have also a Mission Circle doing good work and a Ladies Aid Society and also a Mission Band all in a healthy condition During 1913 the late Mr and Mrs H H Stovel's children presented to our church a beautiful church organ a gift acknowledged with much gratitude

An Honor Roll contains the names of the members of the church that served in the Great War and are as follows Gordon McPherson G M Henry Stuart Allen Ernest Rachs Jas McQueen John McQueen James Cammidge Harry F McDougall Lloyd McPherson Russell Boles nursing sister Alice O Cook and the following adherents Murray Lamont Stanley Perry Max Berry W Evans Ernest McBride prayer was made by the church without ceasing that God would give victory to the right and that our boys would be kept faithful and true and that God would protect them in times of danger and bring them back again Prayer was answered as all our boys returned alive some wounded and maimed for life But no one thought that Nursing Sister Alice O Cook was in danger and no one was praying specially for our Sister and when the flu epidemic broke out among the soldiers she remained firm at her post nursing got run down contracted flu and crossed the bar to her Heavenly home and so made the supreme sacrifice

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MOUNT FOREST

By the Rev. R. F. Kehoe in Confederate, Feb. 22, 1917

During the early years of pioneer life in and about Mount Forest the spiritual wants of the Catholic settlers were ministered to first by Father Thomas Gibney who was pastor of the Catholic population of Guelph from 1837 to 1846 From he time the first settlers arrived in Arthur Tp in 1840 and 41 Father Gibney visited the Beattieworth settlement at indefinite intervals The humble home of the late Bryan O'Donnell was transformed into a temporary church on the occasion of such visits Later on Fathers Mandel nd Cullen visited

the settlers from time to time and had Mass and other religious functions in the same place. About the year 1856 Bryan O'Donnell donated a portion of land for a church site and graveyard. A log church was erected but Father Sullivan arrived before the door was had been carved out of the logs. The windows had been provided for. So the first time religious service was conducted with its walls the congregation entered by the proper door.

The Fathers of the Society of Jesus were given charge of the Catholic parish of Guelph and the various missions connected in 1851. From the time of March 1853 the Kenilworth mission was visited regularly by these men famed alike for learning and zeal. During that period Father John Holzer, Father Molloy, Fletcher F. Dumortier, P. J. Laughnane and J. W. Molyneux left their services for the spiritual assistance of such settlers as were of their religious persuasion in this district as well as to the several counties that were situated at a distance from Guelph.

Minto Township was opening up in 1854 and there was a great influx of settlers that year. Some even settled in the previous year but early in January 1854 the home seekers kept pushing their way into the new township. So in the spring of 1854 Father Molloy visited Minto and held religious services in the shanty of the late John Page. He visited here at intervals of a few times in the course of the summer. The township was surveyed in 1853 and most of the settlers in the autumn of September 1854. That fall a log church was built on the part of the farm known as the Catholic graveyard of Minto. This ground had been donated by John Page and Jeremiah Burke in equal shares. The first to be buried in it was Johnnie the four year old child of John Page. The building as well as being a church was likewise employed as a school room at times with John Page as the teacher.

From the time the Minto church was built until the church was erected on Mount Forest in 1864 the Catholic settlers in and about Mount Forest held their religious services of various kinds in the Minto church. They buried their dead there or in the old Kenilworth graveyard.

However a plot of ground south west of Mount Forest in Arthur Township was purchased in 1863 from James Corrigan as a site for a burial. The work of digging was begun in the month of August 1863 and completed in May 1864. It was 50 feet long 30 feet wide and 6 feet deep. Logs under the direction of Father Dumortier in keeping with the prospective worshippers. The building had been employed on a few occasions for religious worship during the winter and spring though it remained in something of an incomplete condition until about the end of May 1864 when a day was fixed for the formal opening. May 29th. Father Dumortier arrived from Guelph and the people from the various homes on that morning to find that the building had been destroyed by fire the previous night. During the night of the

fence of the little church there was at least one marriage service conducted in it that of James Cox and Mary Ann Quinn The twin daughters of Edward Boyle were baptized there on the occasion of the last Mass celebrated in it

But after the burning of the church in 1858 Mass was at times said in the house of Mr Twohey on the east side of Fergus street between Durham and Birmingham streets Father Mahuet rented a hall on Main Street for Sunday services while the church was being built The hall stood almost directly in from the present Separate School

The present site of St Mary's church was purchased in 1861 It was not however until 1863 that the erection of the church was begun The missions that lay between Guelph and Lake Huron had grown stronger and many of them were thought to be self sustaining and thus fit for a resident pastor So the Jesuit Fathers asked to be relieved of them that they might take up their mission work in localities in greater need of their services Until such time as a resident pastor could be secured for Mount Forest Father O'Shea M D who had charge of Arthur parish volunteered his aid to the Monks and other neighboring missions From March 1861 until August of the same year he attended the Catholic missions in the Mount Forest district Father M M O'Shea had followed the profession of a medical doctor for a number of years in London England before becoming a priest This fact rendered his presence doubly desirable to the early settlers He was never known to accept a dollar from either Catholic or Protestant for his services as a medical doctor He only lent his services in that capacity when those of a practising doctor could not be procured or among the very poor He was credited by medical men who were in a position to know with being a man of unusual skill in the profession he had abandoned It is said of him too that he always seemed reluctant to accept money given him as salary in his capacity as pastor on account of the prevailing poverty He had a private for one which enabled him to give rather than receive

The first resident priest in Mount Forest was Father P S Mahuet who took charge of the newly established parish August 1st 1863 He immediately took up the work of building a church the corner stone of which was laid July 3rd 1864 and the church was dedicated February 1st 1865 by the Rt Rev Dr Farrell At the completion of St Mary's church the log church in Minto ceased to be employed for divine worship

Father Mahuet was succeeded in September 1870 by Father R R Maurice LL D The new rector in earlier life had followed the legal profession in England his native land He once defended a client while Daniel O'Connell the most celebrated lawyer at that time in the British Empire acted for the prosecution

Rev Father B. J O'Connell became pastor of St Mary's Church May 21st 1876, with Father J J Corcoran assistant. Father P J Cassin assisted from August 1877 to the end of June 1880 Father J J Feeny assisted from July 1st 1880, until the middle of September of that year During December of 1880 Father F O'Reilly became assistant and remained until the end of January, 1886

REV. FATHER B. J O'CONNELL

Father Cassin became next rector from 1886 until October 1892 Father P Haley acting as assistant from November 1st 1891 to October 1892

Father O'Connell again took up the pastorate in Mount Forest at this time and retained it until his death February 2nd, 1908

During Father O'Connell's pastorate the rectory was built in 1880. In 1881 and 1882 the Catholic church in Proton was built under his supervision Holy Cross Cemetery was procured in 1902 St Mary's church, which was destroyed by fire in the summer of 1902, was rebuilt in 1902 and 1903

From the time of the first resident priest in Mount Forest until 1877 the old church near Kenilworth was attended from Mount Forest Ayton was attended from Mount Forest until 1882 Proton was attended from Mount Forest until 1892.

In 1903 a new parish was established at Kenilworth, drawing about half its congregation from Mount Forest

Father T J Kelly was appointed pastor of St Mary's church after the death of Father O'Connell and took charge March 1st, 1908, remaining pastor until July 1st 1915 when he was succeeded by Rev D. F Kehoe

History Continued Until 1927

Rev Father Kehoe a priest of deep spirituality and consecrated life, continued in charge of the parish until his lamented death on Feb 4th 1920, at the age of 62 years He was succeeded by the Rev Father Albert Alexander Capps, also of kindly spirit and self-sacrificing devotion He too at the age of only 49 years was called by death on July 6th 1923 Since that time St Mary's Church has

been under the care of the present popular pastor Father Thomas Malone

In 1925 a new rectory was built on Queen Street The former rectory or presbytery is used as a residence for the Sisters of St Joseph in charge of the Seperate School which was established in the latter years of the pastorate of the Very Rev Dean O'Connell

FATHER MATOGA

By Father Kehoe, Feb. 1917

It seems to me a sketch of this kind would be very incomplete if the data available were not employed to describe at least one missionary trip of a priest still remembered by many in and about Mount Forest and for that matter remembered by many in every Township of the Counties of Wellington Grey and Bruce as well as in a part of Perth and a portion of Waterloo

Rev Father Gaspar Matoga S J was born Dec 20 1823 in Poland He entered the Society of Jesus in Galicia August 11 1838 Coming to Guelph Sept 4 1862 he shortly after took up his missionary labours first in the neighborhood of Guelph that he might acquire experience then he launched out in a bolder way and in search of his co religionists Having made a number of rounds he organized his mission field and prevailed on all the new comers that he might visit them at regularly appointed dates At the time of the trip described below he had the territory well organized yet on almost every trip he added new stations to his already extensive list Before his premature death he recorded that there were many outlying settlements he had not visited for want of time and because of marshes and swamps that cut them off for the time being These were to be attempted later on

The following is a sketch of the tour made beginning April 1st 1865 He was led from Guelph to Pilkington Tp on that day and the following morning celebrated Mass gave the Sacraments preached and baptized April 2nd he walked to Nichol Twp and there repeated what had been done the previous day He was in Garafraxa Tp April 3rd on the 4th he was in Peel Tp in Luther Tp April 5th and 6th in Minto Tp April 8th in Hentingh April 10th Normanby Tp April 9th in another part of Bentinck Tp April 12th and 13th in Culross Tp April 14th in Glenelg Tp April 15th and 16th in another part of Culross April 17th in Huron Tp April 18th and 19th in Kincardine April 20th Brant Tp April 22nd in another part of Greenock Tp April 23rd in Carrick April 25th Melancthon Tp April 26th in Artemesia Tp April 30th in Holland Tp April 3rd in Arran Tp May 3rd in another part of Holland May 4th in Sydenham Tp May 5th and 6th in Keremeo Tp May 9th Arthur Tp May 11th in Peel Tp May 12 in Owen Sound May 15th Eramosa May 17th Pilkington Tp May 20th Wellesley Tp May 23rd in Peel Tp May 23rd in Mornington Tp May 23 and 24th

in another part of Peel Tp May 24 and 25th Then he goes north over the same route without visiting his home in Guelph The round trip usually took him about six weeks when he left out some of the outlying stations In study ng this trip it should be remembered that it only g ves the names of places where he administered the Sacraments of baptism or matrimony which required registration That he covered much terri ry and made side t ps in search of his scattered c ngregat ons and to attend he sick w th out administering rites to be recorded is put down as his general custom This trip outlined ab ve was all done on foot He carried a suitcase of con siderable weigh w th him too He a ways travelled on foot with the exception of a few months when he procured the service of a horse that he m ght be able to convey charity in the form of clothes and other necessaries to the most destitute whom he met During the period he enjoyed the use of a horse Mr W Pickett of Mount Forest at present then a little boy had the honor of acting coach man to this modern apostle The horse tired and I was said the an imal had a reason to die for Father Mat ga expected him to cover the same ground that he h mself had been covering It was a com mon experience for Father Matoga to r st on the road for a t me that his exhausted body might again be able to obey the dictates of his zealous soul The late Thomas Dolan of Arthur Tp told the writer that as he was one accompanying Fa her Matoga to Preston the priest became exhausted on he way He sat for some time on the road After a rest he struggled to his feet again and started on his journey He had not gone far when a small shanty was seen and he decided to seek to get within it was a On entering he explained to the kind woman that h s strength had left him and asked whether she had any sugar in the house On being told that there was a little he asked that a teaspoonful be put into a half a cup of water and he given to him He next asked her p rmission h m if he lay on the floor a few m nutes until the exhaustion should pass Before he left the kind woman pressed h m to take a piece bread He accepted a morsel and started out f r his destination That was not an un common experience for him Three Germans of Mount Forest re members more than once that he left his satchel on the road before the house he was to stay over night at for the simple reason that he was unable carry it further Many curious and amusing incidents in connection with this man's travels have been related the writer from his childhood He spoke and wrote several languages w th ease and grace His diary he kept in Latin and his Latin written in such hands is a rare sight

Father Matoga died in Guelph on August 21st 1926 He had grown very ill on one of his trips and feeling that his end had come set out for Guelph whither he walked 30 miles He lived for eight days after arriving in Guelph but was completely speechless during that time He had from youth prayed that his death might be mar tyrdom and used as a young man to picture to his companions the joy

of ministering to the savages who would reserve all recompense from their benefactor except that of martyrdom. Father Matoga failed to win his coveted prize from the Indians but he died a martyr to duty without the honor.

Surely at the Judgment Seat he appealed for mercy saying "Did I not leave (almost) all things to follow You?" And surely the Master replied "Thou hast been faithful over a few things."

P. S. The first Mass ever celebrated in Western Bruce was celebrated in the small log house of the writer's father in Kinloss Township c. 1853 by Father Matoga. The writer's father also accompanied him on the occasion of his first trip to the lake shore of Huron Tp.

WELLINGTON STREET UNITED CHURCH

The antecedents of this congregation are Methodist. It came into Union on June 10th 1925 without having taken a vote on the question. The following are some of the records.

(From The Confederate of Feb. 8, 1917)

The following sketch of the history of Methodism in Mount Forest was compiled by the late J. H. Brethour, B.A. and read at a church function. Mr. John Corley made a copy of it at the time which he has kindly placed at our disposal. Mr. Corley's father the late James Corley was one of the earlier sponsors of Methodism in Mount Forest, promoters of the Methodist Episcopal Church making this in the early days their headquarters. Methodism in earlier days was split up into a number of sects, three of the principal of which had churches in Mount Forest, the first on the ground being the New Connexion Methodists.

In 1844 there was a New Connexion circuit reaching from Hanover to Arthur and the Rev. Mr. Shillington was pastor with headquarters at Riverstown. During the period 1844 to 1863 the successive pastors were Revs. Simpson, Coates, Preston, Atkins and Auld.

In 1863 Mount Forest and the adjoining country were set apart as a separate circuit under the Revs. W. J. Parks and William Kearns. At this time there were 14 members. The annual contributions were $[illegible] for all purposes. The following were successive pastors: 1864 Revs. J. H. Kershaw and W. H. Sun; 1865-66 James O'Rorke; 1866-67 John Elliott; 1867-69 Sidney Hopkins; 1869-72 Edward Kershaw; 1872 Edwin Hopkins. The church was at the corner of the Owen Sound Road and Elgin Street.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church was the second to be established. In 1862 Mount Forest was part of Durham Mission, Barrie District. The pastors were as follows: Revs. 1862 Henry Reid; 1863 F. C. Maudley; 1864-65 filled by supply; 1866 Alfred Andrews; 1867-68 Thos. Culbert; 1869 Philip Rose; 1870 Wm. Norton and John Scott; 1871-72 A. H. Campbell and W. W. Sheppard; 1873-74 F. C. Philip and James Laird; 1875-6 Richard Patton; 1868-70 Stephen Bond; 1871-73 Thos. Cobb and W. Henderson; 1874 Thos. Crawford.

This was the year of the union of the New Connexion and Wesleyan Methodists making the Canada Methodist Church In this body there were six appointments with 215 members The succeeding pastors were Rev [illegible] R J Forman [illegible] Rev Begg in 1881 at this time

During Mr S[illegible] pastorate the present church was built In 1884 the W[illegible] was united with the Canada Methodists

POWER METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, FERGUS ST.
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Some of the persons in the picture are identified
From left to right 1 Mrs Geoffrey 2 Mrs Howes 3 Mrs Congreve
4 Rev Mr Congreve 5 Mrs [illegible] 6 Mrs Durland

Of the M E Church the earliest record was in 1854 Services were held in the Temple Hall by the Rev Mr Smith then stationed at Hanover Mr Smith [illegible] Arkell In [illegible] After this came the Revs [illegible] J H Ware [illegible] Wm Henderson [illegible] W I Ames [illegible] W A Shaw

Mr Shaw built the little brick church on the corner of Wellington and Fergus streets After him followed the Rev Messrs Hicks Dixon Rose Wall Lane Knox and Watts with no exact dates Then [illegible]2 Robert Larkum 1873 J W Lees 1874 76 F M Smith J Moran 77 A Jamieson [illegible] J C Bell J W Laidlaw and J D McD Kerr 1879 82 E N Baker and A McCallum 1883 J M Hatton

During the pastorate of Rev F M Smith the Wesleyan Church

building was purchased The membership was 24 but was increased to about 100 after uniting with the Wesleyan Church Union was formed in 1884 and the new body was called simply the Methodist Church The pastors since that time have been Revs 1884-86 J H Aylesworth LL D 1886-79 C H Waddell 1889-90 Jas Charlton 1891-93 Wm W Lambe 1894-95 Geo Richardson 1896-98 J S Williamson 1899-1902 Wm Kettlewell 1903-05 T J Kerruish 1906-08 H W Snyder 1909-12 A J Irwin D D 1913-17 A C Eddy

Notes on the Past Ten Years, 1917-1927

Following Mr Eddy the pastors have been 1917-1921 Rev David Wren 1921-24 Rev A P Latter 1924-1927 Rev R A Pace

The Golden Jubilee of the laying of the foundation stone of the church edifice was held on October 24 1926 followed by a Jubilee Festival on the following Monday evening Both the service and the supper passed off very successfully

On the Sunday of the Mount Forest Reunion July 31 1927 special services of great interest were held Rev Dr James Gardiner of Chicago preached in the morning and the Rev Joseph Wells B A of Islington in the evening

Opening of the Methodist Church

(Condensed from The Confederate of Jan 28 1875)

For beauty of design and general appearance our village has certainly nothing finer and to the enterprise of the Methodists this place is indebted for another costly attraction a debt which our citizens would do well to remember at the right time and place The first thought of such a building originated in the union of the two Methodist congregations the Wesleyan and the New Connexion in the year 1874 during the ministry of the Revs T Crawford and E Holmes Upon the removal of Mr Crawford in January the two congregations united the town hall as being more central and convenient for both parties and at once appointed a committee to select a site etc with a view to building in the summer Many meetings to consider the matter were held a subscription of $2 500 was raised and much labor was done but nothing definite was arranged for until the summer of 1875 during the pastorate of the Rev R J Forman who is at present labouring in this congregation and who has been indefatigable in his efforts towards building

It was about the month of September 1875 that the Wesleyan church and parsonage were sold the New Connexion property having been disposed of at an earlier period the present site purchased from Mr Poore and a strong Trustee Board formed composed of Messrs John Robinson John Fleming Chas Cheesman J Hampton A Donough J Rogers Geo Tanner Thos Gardiner John Allison W J Gilroy Wm Glanville and Wm Roberts This board immediately formed themselves into a building committee with the addition of T Ainley and H Bland procured a plan called for tenders purchased

from W L Smith 125 thousand brick and in Feb 1876 the contract was let to Charles Hodley The material was during the winter to a considerable extent laid down and as soon as the weather was fit the operations commenced

The church was opened and dedicated on Sabbath Jan 28th The Rev G R Sanderson president of the London Conference preached at the morning service the Rev Mr Swan chairman of the District in the afternoon and the Rev Dr Ives in the evening At the close of his sermon he announced that the building proper cost $14 000 of which sum $6 000 was provided for The balance $8,000 he would like to see raised that night before the place was dedicated Subscriptions were then taken to run three years and inside of two hours over the amount required was subscribed The dedication was then proceeded with A tea meeting was held on Monday evening at which the speakers were Dr Ives of Auburn Rev E Kershaw Gorrie Rev E Holmes Glenallen Rev G R Sanderson London and Rev T Cobb Elora

The opening services were continued the next Sunday February 4th Sermons were preached in the morning by the Rev Jas Grey Governor of the Dundas College and by the Rev E Kershaw of Gorrie Upwards about $9 500 had been raised covering the entire indebtedness on the parsonage and church On the following Tuesday evening a lecture was delivered by the Rev George Young of Toronto on Eight years in Manitoba On the following week beginning Feb 12 a four days meeting was held with services afternoon and evening several ministers from a distance taking part

WESTMINSTER CHURCH, MOUNT FOREST

This congregation is Presbyterian in its antecedents It came into the United Church of Canada as the result of several votes on the question of Union and favoring union by large majorities the final one by a vote of 255 to 32 The following Historical Sketch was written by the Rev W G Hanna on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Church and was entitled

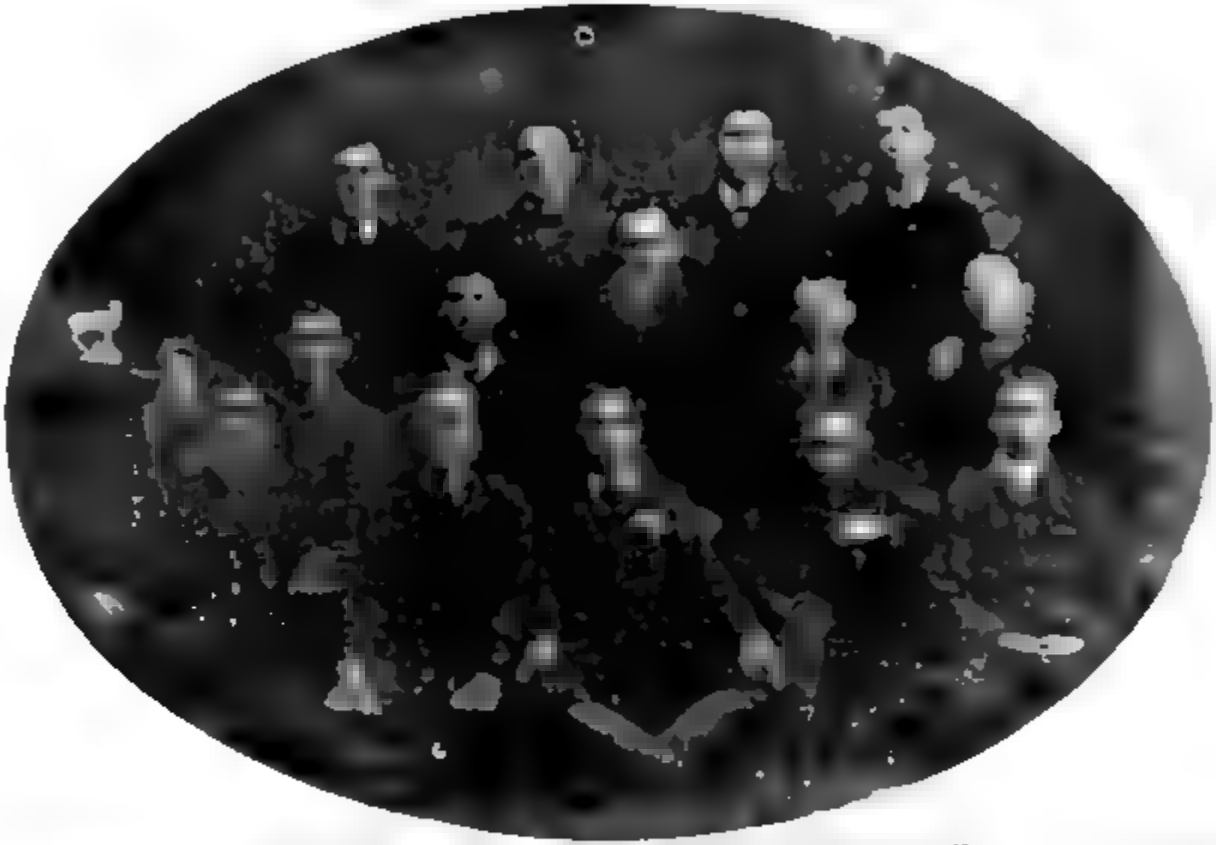
Fifty Years of Presbyterianism in Mount Forest, 1857-1907

There is an interest in tracing a stream to its source and discovering the rills which combine to make it larger in volume and flow

Somewhat like this is the interest with which on this occasion attention is directed to the beginnings of Westminster Church

Shortly after the settlement of the district Rev John McMillan then a student missionary at Durham having learned that there were some Presbyterian families in the neighborhood of Mount Forest and Arthur gave these places occasional supply The services in Mount Forest were first held in the house now occupied by Dr Meikle

Near the close of the year (1854) at a meeting of the Presbyterians it was decided on the motion of Mr John Sheppard to petition the Presbytery of Hamilton for organization



AN OLD TIME BIBLE CLASS GROUP OF KNOX CHURCH

Top Row: Tom Dale, Tom Sheppard, Jack Rae, Bob McAdam. Middle Row: Joe Kilgour, Bill [illegible], John McCall, J. W. MacMillan, Tom Rae, [illegible], Tom Croal, Fred Dale, James Rae. Front Row: Phil Yeomans, Kerr MacMillan.

Then the genius of Presbyterianism for subdivision was exhibited in the fact that before long two separate projects were under way one in the interest of the Knox and the other in the interest of the "Free Church

The "Free Church" was organized by a deputation from the Presbytery of Hamilton consisting of Revs Donald McLean and Andrew McLean on September 19th 1857 and took the name of Knox Church It is believed that the Kirk Presbytery of Hamilton organized St Andrews Church about the same time though no official record seems to be available The first pastor settled was Rev Donald McLean who was inducted in Knox in 1859 The Rev John Hay was inducted in St Andrews Church in February 1861 Each congregation had built for itself a temporary home Knox near the site of the present Westminster Church and St Andrews on the corner of King and Fergus Streets

The first elders in St Andrews Church were Thomas Swan Samuel Wallace John Jack and Wm Williamson Thos Swan was the first Sabbath School Superintendent The first elders of Knox Church so far as can be ascertained were John Martin William Jamieson Neil MacMillan and James Scott Mr James Scott was the first Sabbath School Superintendent

The work in both congregations made such rapid progress that in a short time a preaching station was organized at Woodland in connection with St Andrews and a Gaelic station at North Arthur was associated with Knox the first elders in the latter being Duncan McLellan and Alexander McKenzie

These first pastors were hard working pioneers The nature of their work can be best understood by a single illustration Rev John Hay travelled on foot over corduroy roads and through the woods 60 miles to break bread to dispense the Lord's Supper

Mr McLean was succeeded by Rev John McMillan in 1865 and Rev J A Murray became successor to Mr Hay in 1867

Knox Church grew so as to require the building which was erected in 1873 and conditions arose that gave North Arthur the status of a separate charge under the pastorate of Rev William Mathews

In St Andrews Mr Murray was succeeded by Rev Donald McNeil and he in turn by Rev James Ross

Early in 1881 negotiations were entered into by Knox and St Andrews Churches with a view to union North Arthur having been merged in Knox Church a little before

On Sept 13 1881 the union was effected and the united congregation took the name of The Mount Forest Presbyterian Church its name changed to Westminster and Woodland was in relation to it

In a short time the Rev D Bickell was inducted as pastor and galleries were placed in the church

After the death of Mr Bickell Rev D M Ramsay now Dr Ramsay of Knox Church Ottawa was inducted as pastor in August 1891

The Jubilee Services

(From The Confederate of Sept 19 1907

Sabbath, September 15th will be long remembered by the Presbyterians of Mount Forest. The occasion was a memorable one the fiftieth anniversary of Presbyterianism in Mount Forest. The day was an ideal summer day the attendance at public worship both morning and evening was very large and all the services were impressive and stimulating. The church was fortunate in securing to fill the pulpit two eminent clergymen who have themselves completed half a century of Christian work. The Rev William MacLaren D D Principal of Knox College by his dignified and kindly manner by the clearness and force of his thought the simple chaste straight Saxon eloquence of his language delighted everybody. He has wonderful vigor both of body and mind for a man of over fourscore. The Rev William McMullen D D of Woodstock is a veteran Presbyterian and spoke with a vivacity and fluency that many a younger man might envy. Rev W G Hanna B A pastor of the congregation presided over all the services in his customary tactful manner. The choir under the leadership of Mrs J S Scott with Miss Brebner at the organ led the service of praise with great acceptance. In the afternoon a special Sabbath School service was held and which was a very interesting hour. The Superintendent of the school Mr A W Wright presided and a choir of young people led by Mrs A Jamieson with Miss M B Bilgour as organist led the singing.

On Monday evening tea was served and a programme was given afterwards. Addresses of a congratulatory character were given by the Rev Canon Spencer of St Pauls Church Mount Forest Rev Stephen Young Clifford Rev Mr Cameron Harriston Rev W C Riddiford Baptist Church Mount Forest Rev Mr Thompson Rothsay Rev D W Snider Methodist Church Mount Forest Rev T D McCullough Harriston Rev Dr McMullen Woodstock ex Mayor Wm Gruer and the Hon Senator McMullen. Among those who assisted with the music were Miss Ella Brebner Messrs G A Scott R Scott A K Gibson F R Plunkett.

Ex Mayor Gruer one of the pioneers of the church was first called upon and said that Mr Robert Scott had been here about two years before he came but fifty years ago he was here and an adherent to the Presbyterian Church formerly belonging to Mr Young's church in Guelph. so had a recollection of the fifty years. He could not remember exact dates as given in the historical paper read by Mr Hanna. but had an idea of everything that had passed.

Senator McMullen's Address

"I can assure you that it makes me feel very lonesome when I think that with Mr Gruer and Mr Scott and a few who stood up at the service last night I am one of the early pioneers. I feel personally like an old pine tree on the side of a hill that shows many

evidences of having battled with many a storm and shows many other evidences of age with its neighbors gone except a few

I was one of the Committee appointed by the Presbytery of this town (then a village unincorporated) to go to Toronto to try and get the lot upon which this church stands as a gift from the Crown for the purpose of erecting a church The other members of that committee or delegates were Mr Thos Rogers who is a brother in law and lived in Toronto and whom I tried to get up but owing to ill health he decided not to come and Mr James Reid a very respected citizen of this town many years ago who was an earnest devoted Christian man

We went to Toronto there were no railways then narrow gauge or broad gauge via Guelph and to the best of my recollection I think the Grand Trunk was then finished as far as that point When we landed in Toronto we went to see Dr Burns as our friends here thought if we interviewed the old Doctor that we might possibly succeed in getting a site it he went along with us Our Methodist friends had applied for the corner east of here and it was granted to them and our Catholic friends had applied for the corner which they occupy It was considered an absolute necessity in those days to have the church on the hill no congregation would think of building in the hollow and we made application for the other

We went to old Dr Burns house and found the old Doctor at breakfast in his dressing room After finishing he came into the parlor and Mr James Reid introduced us to him He remained in the parlor while Mrs Burns adjusted his tie and prepared him to go out to see the Commissioner of Crown Lands When he was in charge we started off Of course there were no street cars in those days and we had not thought of taking a carriage for the Doctor On the way to Mr VanKoughnet's office we thought he would surely be run over when he approached a corner or went to cross a road he rushed straight ahead thinking every one knew Dr Burns and would stop for him but at last we reached Mr VanKoughnet's office and found the ante room full of people waiting to see the Commissioner of Crown Lands The doctor looked round and came to the conclusion that if we would have to wait until these people were all attended to it would be a long time so he handed his card to a messenger and said Tell Mr VanKoughnet that Dr Burns wants to see him The messenger came back in a minute and said that Mr VanKoughnet would see him When we entered his office Mr VanKoughnet got up and gave Dr Burns his chair and shook hands with the rest of us and the Doctor lost no time in telling him our business He asked if we had made a selection and when told the lot etc he rang a bell and sent to see if the lot were taken up We found that Mr Traynor up to 11 A M had made application for it but Dr Burns said You know it is a lot to build a church on and it must be a becoming lot and this is the only place in the town that would suit Mr Traynor will be paid for any trouble he has had

Mr Van Koughnet said he would have to comply with his request and cancelled the lot to Mr Traynor and entered it to the Presbyterian Church of Mount Forest as a gift from the Crown After he had done that Dr Burns said. You know Mr VanKoughnet when you have a church you have to have a manse too" So we got the site for that also

When we had built our first church Dr Burns opened it I can well remember he preached and I think dispensed the sacrament The congregation was then largely from the country He announced that as we had no service in the evening he would advise us to go to the Episcopal Church and he himself was going Rev Mr Auld was then minister and in some way he got to know Dr Burns was in the church and during the singing of the first hymn came down and took the Doctor by the arm and asked him to go up to the pulpit and just as they reached the platform the hymn was finished and Dr Burns turned his fine old face to the congregation and said "I joyed when to the House of God go up. he said to me

I can remember It was Dr [illegible] of Toronto came to dispense the sacrament in the log church (Methodist Church) and I am glad to say a kindly feeling has grown up between us Our service was in the morning and theirs at night They gave up their service because Dr Irwin was here and I can remember the heads We are the walls of the church" "The pot in the ark was Christ in the church and the manna in the pot was Christ in his people"

Now I do not want to further detain you I am very glad indeed to have the privilege of reciting the experiences regarding the past I suppose as one of the oldest members here I feel as I said in the first place lonesome It is hard to say how long Providence may permit me to live as a member of this Church and in connection with it I earnestly hope that He will take me to Himself when I am called away"

ANOTHER WESTMINSTER S. S. CLASS

Front Row Carrie Bissell Mary Ann Campbell Mary J Sheppard. MacMillan

Back Row Jessie Gregor Mr T Martin. Nellie Watson. Mary MacMillan

Notes On The Past Twenty Years, 1907 1927

In the Fall of 1907, after the Jubilee, the Rev W G Hanna accepted a call to the work of the Lord's Day Alliance In the following May the Rev William Cooper of Port Perry was inducted as minister and remained until March 1921, to go to Beamsville, where he died on July 12th last He was succeeded here by the Rev Dr Donald N MacRae, who was inducted on June 16th 1921, and is still minister

On September 23 and 24, 1923, the Golden Jubilee of the erection of the present church edifice was celebrated. Special services were held on the Sabbath. At the morning service the Rev D. M Ramsay, D D, preached. In the afternoon the Rev William Cooper dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper In the evening the Rev W G Hanna preached A supper was served on Monday evening followed by a musical program and addresses by the Rev Dr MacRae, Rev G W Conners, Rev James Stewart, Rev Wm. Cooper Rev P M McEachern, Rev P W Richardson, Rev A. P Latter and Messrs R J Dale, Wm. W Smith and David Anderson. Among those assisting with the music were Mr and Mrs A E Gibson, Messrs. F Nicholson, J A Robertson Chas Nicholson, J S. Ireland, F G McArthur Wells Cushnie, Jim Scott

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This congregation formed by non-concurrents in the Union of 1925, has been worshipping in the Public Library, having supply until this year when the Rev W Cooper Mercer was inducted as a settled minister in conjunction with the Presbyterian congregation at Conn

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

This congregation, which has been established for a number of years here with several pastors, has its place of worship on South Main Street and the present pastor is the Rev Walter Barker

THE SALVATION ARMY

This organization had a cause here some forty years ago but its operations were suspended until a few years ago when it began work again and has continued under a number of officers Last year the Hall on Main Street was purchased.

MOUNT FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Historical Sketch From The Confederate of Dec. 16, 1913

The Mount Forest Public Library had its formal inception on February 9th 1860 From the first Minute Book now in the possession of Mr Alex Jamieson we learn that a meeting was held in the Free Church Mount Forest on that date for the purpose of establishing a Mechanics Institute with T J Graffe in the chair and John Honeywood acting as secretary There on motion of the Rev John Hay seconded by James Reid it was resolved that an association be formed to be called the Mount Forest Mechanics and Farmers Institute The price of shares was fixed at two dollars The following committee were appointed to solicit shareholders Messrs Temple, Henry Martin Yeomans Chaloner Hanna Stovel Graffe and Honeycomb

At the second meeting held a week later in the same place D Yeomans was in the chair On reading the minutes it was decided that the word "Farmers" be omitted and that the association be called the Mount Forest Mechanics Institute On motion of Mr McMullen, seconded by Mr Beatty Mr Thomas Reid was appointed Treasurer of the society On motion of Mr Sheppard seconded by Mr Scott the Rev Mr McLean Messrs Swan Neigh Hanna, and Honeycomb were appointed to draw up a constitution for the society

At the third meeting on Feb 21st the report of this committee was received and considered With several amendments the constitution and by laws were passed

At the next meeting on February 28th the Declaration was formed in accordance with the Act and on March 6th the report of the Committee was finally adopted The following Tuesday after considerable discussion on motion of Mr McMullen and Mr J Mason, the secretary H H Stovel and Mr Wilkes were appointed a deputation to wait upon Mr James Geddes to ask him to indite a Declaration for the Institute At the meeting on March 20th in Mr Wilkes' office the report of the deputation was received and the Declaration was read and approved H H Stovel was appointed to be the party to witness the signatures to the Declaration and to file the same in the Registry Office Owen Sound At the next meeting on May 22nd the secretary reported that this had been done and Rev Mr McLean and Dr Kerr yd were appointed to make a selection of $80 worth of books

The Declaration of Constitution referred to above is an interesting document a duplicate being attached to the minute book It is certified by Thos Lunn registrar of deeds for the County of Grey as having been filed on May 9th 1860 by Henry H Stovel Among other things it is declared that the Institute "is established for the purpose of advancement in literature and the diffusion of useful knowledge amongst its members, the formation of a library the establishment of a reading room and for the support of a course of lec-

tures all connected therewith The amount of money subscribed is $100 The first Trustees were David Yeomans, miller James Reid, esquire Henry H Stovel tailor Thomas Swan blacksmith Thomas Reid mason Robert Temple merchant William Bentley saw miller, John Scott carpenter Thomas Ryan yeoman Neil McMillan tailor James McMullen merchant James C Wilkes gentleman Richard Hanna saddler Samuel Keigh tanner and James Scott merchant The other names signed to the document are R W Temple, John Jebb Hugh Wilson Anthony Marshall Alfred E Kerr yd John Sheppard W liam Robinson John K ng W illiam Crichton T J Graffe, Samuel Dunbar Peter Dickson John Graham John Naismith, James Black James Gardiner J Hampton D McLean Margaret Milne, J N Yeomans Wm McCallum, John H Ashley John Martin, Sidney Smith, William Sutton John Bone Joseph Pilcher William Stephens, William Bentley J H Haich James Brown, James Geddes James McLachlan Edward M Locke Of these Messrs J C Wilkes and James Brown are the only ones still living

At a meeting on June 12th the secretary reported that 112 books had been received They were to be numbered and issued as soon as possible A vote of thanks was passed to Normanby Township for a donation of $10

At the next meeting November 2nd it was resolved to have a course of fortnightly lectures during the winter

At the first annual meeting on March 9th, 1861 Wm Bentley was elected president Thomas Reid vice president and H H Stovel, secretary and librarian

Succeeding presidents were Thomas Reid James McMullen D Spence From 1864 to 1869 the society was dormant There was then a re organization with Dr Kerr yd as President who held office for three years James McMullen succeeded him in 1872 James Reid in 1873 E Poole in 1874 There was then another interregnum of five years In 1879 the Institute was resuscitated and John Rogers was elected President who was re elected in 1881 1882 and perhaps 1883 In 1884 S B Westervelt was elected to the office, also in 1885 86 87 In 1888 J Hampton became President and held the office the succeeding year He was succeeded in 1890 by Dr C A Jones, who held the office until 1894 when Mr M O Macgregor was elected

In the earlier years from 1860 to 1866 Mr H H Stovel was secretary He was succeeded by Mr A Jamieson who served for several years alone and several years more with Mr S B Westervelt as assistant Mr Anthony Marshall who had long acted as Treasurer resigned in 1886 and was succeeded by Mr J C Wilkes who acted till the change in the constitution in 1899

At a meeting of the directors on May 5th, 1894 a circular from the Minister of Education relating to changes in the Act respecting the management of Public Libraries, was laid before the meeting After this the name "Mechanics Institute is dropped and "Public

Library adopted

At the annual meeting on May 1st 1899 on motion of Mr Wm Greer and Dr Jones the new act and regulations were adopted and the meeting proceeded to elect a board of management of 9 members M O Macgregor N B Westerfield Jas Fisher D M Balfour J H Yeomans Dr Jones J King Rev W G Barnes A Jamieson On May 6th these held their first meeting as a Public Library Board A Jamieson was elected President N B Westerfield Secretary D M Balfour Assistant Secretary and Dr Jones Treasurer for the end of the year These were all re-elected at the beginning of the year 1900 The same officers were elected in 1901 except that there was no assistant secretary Mr Balfour having gone from town In 1902 ladies were elected to the Board in the persons of Mrs Perry and Miss Halsted Rev Mr Burt was chairman Mr G W Keith secretary and Dr Jones Treasurer Mr G H Thompson was elected secretary in 1903

Mr N O Kilgour was elected chairman in 1904 and Mr M O Macgregor was appointed secretary In 1905 Mr Theobald was chairman Mr Thos Wood secretary and Mr J J Cook treasurer That was the year of the Old Home Reunion from which a surplus of $660.76 was transferred to the Board Mr Macgregor became chairman again in 1907 The same held office in 1908

In that year a requisition was presented to the Town Council signed by 198 ratepayers asking it to take over the Public Library In January 1909 the people voted upon the question and a by-law establishing a free public library and guaranteeing an annual levy of half a mill on the dollar for its maintenance was approved by the ratepayers by a vote of 232 to 166 At a meeting of the old Board on the 9th of February following on motion of A W Wright seconded by N Galbraith all books cash and other assets were transferred to the Free Library Board The first members of that Board were Mayor G P Allen W H Kingston J A Halsted J H Yeomans Dr C A Jones J P Norman Asa Jamieson and J A McMullen Mr Kingston was made President and J A McMullen Secretary At a meeting on March 3rd the secretary was requested to communicate with Mr Carnegie with a view to obtaining aid for a new Library building Towards the end of 1910 a resolution to that effect was submitted to the Council but did not mature In 1911 the matter was taken up again and it was decided to take a vote of the people on it At the election at the beginning of 1912 the library bonding was favored by a majority of 41 ratepayers The Council of that year passed the necessary resolution and Mr Carnegie readily granted $12,000 and Mrs Lawson as elsewhere noted donated the valuable site Mr Gregory Gray of Harriston was architect and Mr Hutchinson of Clifford the chief contractor Both did their work well Plans had to be changed several times to suit Mr Carnegie who wanted a building more for use than ornament though that is not overlooked either Then after more or less tribulation in

THE SCHOOLS OF MOUNT FOREST

Mount Forest has always been widely known for its excellent schools but the early history of education in the town is rather obscure and one has to depend a good deal on tradition which is rather unsatisfactory The first school house was said to have been built of logs about 1854 School was also later held in the present Orange Hall and in the house occupied at present by Mr A E Dietrich before the present commodious and substantial brick Public School building was erected in 1867 Mr Locke and Mrs Jelley were the earliest teachers Mr David Spence was the first principal in the new school Mr Elliott and Mr Bishop were later principals before the establishment of the Model School of which Samuel B Westervelt was appointed head He ably discharged his duties until his retirement at the end of 1896 Harry Bewell was principal in 1897 98 and 99 and was succeeded by G R Theobald until it was discontinued by the Department A J Beatty J K Robertson P G Nelson James Robinson and S K Chauncey have continued the successful record of the school up to the present time

During the Model term the principal had an assistant who taught his room. Here are the names of a few with dates Mr Nesbitt 1891 Mr Marshall 1893 G R Theobald 1894 Miss M R Kilgour 1896 and 1897 Harry Bewell 1896 E H Hailey now a physician at Cheyenne Mich was we believe one of these assistants Mr Harry Catley also acted in that capacity

Following is a list of other members of the staff arranged in alphabetical order It is probably incomplete and two or three may have served for only very brief periods Miss Bell Miss Clara Black Miss Mary A Black Miss Carney Miss Margaret Catley Miss Nellie Clapp Miss Clark Miss Dallie Cobourn Miss Bertha Corley Miss Rose Duffy Miss Ida Ekley Mr George Evans Miss Fanny Galbraith Miss Greenwood Miss Jessie Gregor Miss Etta Gregory Miss Henry Miss Mary Hewell Miss Hill Miss Hunt Mrs Henry Jelley Miss Hattie Kerr Miss M B Kilgour Miss Annie Markham Miss Ellen Mackenzie Miss McNichol Miss Lou McTaggart Miss Agnes Martin Miss Annie Martin Miss Marion Morton Miss Nash Miss Rachel Mitchell Miss Annie Nelson Miss Sarah Orr Miss Lizzie Robinson Miss Ross Miss Shannon Miss Retha Shannessy Miss Ruth Shales Miss Grace Stovel Miss Hattie Whaley Miss Annie Wright Mrs Jelley Miss Mitchell Miss Mary Black and Miss Robinson were among those who have given faithful service during the longest period of time

The following names should be added to the above list John Hanna Miss Mary Ann Campbell

At a meeting of the Public School Board held on Sept 14 1906 a resolution was passed in favor of having a Board of Education established to take the place of the present Boards of the High and Public Schools The Town Council passed the necessary resolution and a Board of Education was formed for 1907 Following were the

[illegible] Public School [illegible] Three Wise Men [illegible] Principal [illegible] Assistant James Brown [illegible] J. [illegible] applications [illegible] Separate School Board. This [illegible] by High School Board which passed [illegible] by-law [illegible] waste and [illegible]

At a meeting [illegible] June 20th 1892 Principal Westervelt reported [illegible] the eight divisions of the school for May as follows:

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Total
On Roll	44	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	45	[illegible]	125
Average	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	78	461

An addition [illegible] was recognized as necessary and at a Trustee meeting held [illegible] following appointments were made to the staff of [illegible]: [illegible] Mr. J. M. Westervelt $[illegible]; Miss Mitchell $[illegible]; Miss Wright $[illegible]; Miss Robinson $75; Miss [illegible] Miss Nichol [illegible] Miss [illegible] $300; Miss [illegible] Miss [illegible]

At the [illegible] meeting of the [illegible] School Board held on Jan. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] made his report of the [illegible] year, having performed the duties of [illegible] Reports and complimentary speeches [illegible] and an oyster supper followed.

MOUNT FOREST HIGH SCHOOL

The Mount Forest High School was organized towards the end of 1877. On December 12th of that year the first meeting of the High School Board was held with the following members present: David Yeomans, Amos Russel and John McFarlane appointed by the Wellington County Council and John McLaren and Charles A. Jones appointed by the Village Council. Archibald McKinnel appointed by the Village Council was absent and declined to act and the remaining appointed John Rogers in his place. David Yeomans was elected Chairman and John McLaren Secretary Treasurer of the Board.

At a meeting held a week later it was decided to advertise for a teacher and to apply to the Village Council for the use of the rooms used by the Mechanics Institute for the new school until a more suitable place could be provided. On Dec. 29th Joseph Reid was engaged as Head Teacher at a salary of $900 and on Jan. 12th 1878 Mrs. Reid as teacher of French, German and Junior classes at a salary of $300. Fees were fixed at $2 a term but those who had passed the Intermediate Examination were admitted free and a bonus of $4 was promised those who in future should pass the examination. At a meeting on March 4th David Lang was engaged as Caretaker of the school rooms at a salary of 50 cents a week payable quarterly. At a meeting towards the close of the year the salary of the Caretaker was increased $4 a year. On Nov. 14th John Cushnie was appointed Mathematical Master at a salary of $600. Mr. Cushnie's health failing J. J. Craig was engaged as Mathematical Master on Jan. 14th 1879 at a salary of $650. A communication was read from the Education Department objecting to the use of the grounds around the school for holding the cattle fairs thereon.

For 1879 Dr. Charles A. Jones was elected Chairman. An arrangement was made to move the books of the Mechanics Institute Library to the High School, which at the meeting was moved by [illegible] Dial. [illegible] for rent. In June 1879 [illegible] Thompson was appointed to act on the Board in place of J. McFarlane who resigned. Jas. J. Craig was appointed Secretary and John McLaren Treasurer. In July Alexander [illegible] was appointed assistant teacher of Modern [illegible] salary of $5[illegible]. In June 1881 Mr. Craig resigned and John H. [illegible] was appointed in his place.

In January 1882 John Robinson and W. J. Smith took the place on the Board of [illegible] Yeomans & Amos [illegible] who retired. Mr. Stewart was appointed Secretary Master in March 1883. Wm. H. Stevens in August was appointed to succeed Mr. Dadson as Mathematical Master. In October 1882 Miss McLean was engaged temporarily as teacher of Model and Drawing 3 hours a week. At the beginning of the year Professor Rowell was engaged to teach music at a dollar for an hour a week. This later was increased to $1.50 a session. In February 1883 the number on the roll was 96 average attendance 80. In November on roll 46 average 41.

At the beginning of 1883 D. F. H. Wilkins was appointed to succeed Mr. Stevens on the staff.

took part Numerous addresses were delivered by local and outside speakers

The Music Department of the school was dispensed with because of insufficient income by a motion passed on August 12 1889

In September 1889 Mr Sheriff tendered his resignation to go to Gravenhurst as Headmaster and N Phillips was appointed his successor In December of the same year Mr Shields resigned and Miss Stewart was engaged to complete his term Mr Hagarty resigned as Headmaster in July 1891 and Mr J M Brethour of Collingwood succeeded him Mr Brethour held the position until the end of 1909 when he was succeeded by the present principal T E Speirs

Among those who have been on the staff in various capacities since 1880 are Joseph Snell E E Snyder F W C Mcmurtrhom E R Mills Miss Hare afterwards Mrs Nash Miss Barber Miss Alice Jones Miss Florence Clapp afterwards Mrs Charles Jones Cecil Reid George W Heath Miss Thos Forster Miss Lucille Fraser afterwards Mrs Archie Fisher Miss Cranfield Miss Roberta Grant George Tucker Frank Armstrong J F Coombe George A Clarke R I Mcgregor Miss Mabel McLuhan afterwards Mrs D J Stevenson Robert Spencer P J Corkill T A McWatter Lizzie King Miss Aileen Newman Miss Emily Gilroy afterwards Mrs T F Speirs Miss Retha Gardiner Miss Ada McKinney Miss Clara McKinney H B Ricker Miss Lavina K Nicholson Miss Grinde Anderson Miss May Thake Miss May Harding Miss Helen Cumming afterwards Mrs Wilbert Gilroy George A Clarke Miss Josie Medd Mrs Gertrude Knapp Mrs Ethel M Currie Miss M M Geddes Miss Agnes H McKercher At present on the staff are Miss Marion Hosken Miss Marion Hurst Miss Elizabeth P Lee and Miss Edith Tisdale

A Roman Catholic Separate School was established in 1867 during the pastorate of the Rev Father Mahut In 1878 the school was discontinued and pupils from denominations attended the Central School until 1904 when a Separate School was re-established in accordance with a resolution passed at a meeting of Roman Catholic ratepayers held on the 2nd 1904 under the pastorate of the Very Rev Dean O'Connell

Those who signed the notice calling the meeting were Thos Cummins Joseph Corcoran Thos Halpin James Newman John P Dillon and William J Lanigan

The first and only appointed were W H Riddell and Thomas Cox

The first Board of Trustees were James Pickett Charles Kraus Gregory Oberholtzer and F J Hughey

The first teachers were Miss Minnie E Mooney Senior Classes Miss Katherine R Fox Junior Classes The following year April 1907 Miss Fox became teacher of the Senior classes and Miss Galvin was appointed to teach the Junior Classes and was succeeded by Miss Mary Humberstone Miss Fox continued in charge of the Senior

Department until the Sisters of St Joseph took charge of the school on August 24th 1908.

The Sisters have continued as teachers until the present time.

The earlier Separate School was held in a building on the site of the present new factory. The later school has been held in the building at present used just previously occupied by Mr Scott A Pennock.

There have been only three Public School Inspectors who have officially visited Mount Forest. Alexander Dingwall Fordyce, a graduate of Marischal College Aberdeen was appointed Superintendent of schools for North Wellington in 1856. In 1871 the title was changed to Inspector and he continued to act in that capacity until he resigned in 1878. He was succeeded by David P Clapp, B A who held the position until 1904. Since that time Robert Galbraith, B A has filled the position with great ability and fidelity as did his predecessors.

MOUNT FOREST BUSINESS COLLEGE

This well known local institution was founded in July 1904 by W T Clancy and continued by him as proprietor and principal until the beginning of 1912 when he sold out to D A McLachlan of Stratford Business College who was as proprietor associated with W J Elliott of the Elliott Business College Toronto and they sold in 1920 to W A Trimble the present esteemed proprietor and principal. From 1912 to 1920 there were several principals F W Kable for a brief period, followed by W S Wilson Geo M Henry L A Fleming and L E Armstrong. The College has commodious premises in the Morrison Block.

FRATERNAL AND OTHER SOCIETIES

There have been numerous fraternal and other societies established in town and they have been variously active and permanent.

St Alban's Lodge No 200 Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons was established on April 3rd 1868 and has maintained a vigorous existence up to the present time. Garnet Lodge No 139 Independent Order of Odd Fellows was established on April 29 1874 and has continued vigorously since. Some of the others remembered are Canadian Order of Foresters Court Sovereign No 148 Independent Order of Foresters Court Saugeen No 148 Catholic Mutual Benefit Association Branch 53 Chosen Friends, Mount Forest Lodge No 253 Canadian Order of Home Circles Mount Forest Circle No 51 Loyal Orange Lodge No 633 Scarlet Chapter L O L Victory Royal Black Preceptory No 971 Loyal True Blues Sons of Temperance Royal Templars of Temperance Council No 370 organized in 1890 Women's Christian Temperance Union Band of Hope Loyal Temperance Legion Women's Institute Home and School Club Agricultural Society, Horticultural Society Sons of Scotland

SPORTS, GAMES, PASTIMES AND RECREATIONS

These have an important place in the life of any community To a very considerable extent they indicate its character Well devised, wisely directed and generally used they have a very great educational value for the young and are a safeguard against falling into evil habits For the mature they are a relief from the monotony and burden of toil For the aged they lend cheerfulness to the sunset days oftentimes becloudedd

It is generally accepted that in the days of the early settlers people were more sociable and friendly than their successors of the third or fourth generation are Their sources of pleasure were fewer and they made more of the few that they had In work and play they were less independent of their neighbors

In the early days of Mount Forest fifty sixty years ago and more the manly gentlemanly game of cricket was introduced and kept up for a considerable time As a leading sport it was supplanted by lacrosse Lacrosse succumbed to its rival baseball and baseball has now given way to softball as the popular ball game in which many participate Cricket was looked on as too slow and dignified Lacrosse was objected to because of its facility for rough play Baseball became too scientific and professionalized Football has always been more or less popular in town and country especially at the schools Basketball has been mainly a game for girls Lawn Tennis has had devotees of both sexes Lawn Bowling for twenty years or more has had a great vogue as a man's game Since the erection of rinks Curling for men and Hockey for the more youthful have been the popular games in winter conjoined with Skating as a general pastime

As to rinks the first skating rink was built by James Scott about 1883 on the corner of Queen and Main Streets The second was built on King St about where the temple court now is It was burnt down and another built and this was burned a couple of years later Then T H Ellis made an open air rink and another later was constructed by John Connor In 1912 T H Ellis built his present rink For many years it was used for skating hockey and curling until the curling club flooded the Agricultural Hall in winter and have made use of it for several years Of indoor pastimes the dance and the card table always had a certain vogue but in the earlier days were hardly so general as now Then the quadrille and cotillion were the comparatively innocent forms of the terpsichorean art in favor The waltz now looked upon as tame was regarded as rather objectionable What a change in the bunny hug fox trot and Charleston of to-day! And few and feeble are the words of protest What's the use? Ephriam's joined to his idols let him alone

Fishing hunting and trapping have had numerous devotees from the earliest days up to the present The woods and swamps and small lakes were and are still the haunts of various kinds of game that lure in the wild the rod and gun and trap Brook trout wild

ducks pheasants rabbits mink and muskrat are by no means extinct yet Even deer under the protection given them by the law are increasing in number and are occasionally seen in and near the town. Out in Pilkington a herd of forty deer was reported as seen recently Golf is an innovation of more recent years links having been in operation on Lovers Lane and used by a Golf Club of some thirty five members

The following references taken from the files of the local papers will give some hints of the trend in some of the chief sports with the names of a few engaged in them

A cricket match was played on Saturday night June 20 1867 between the Tear Away and the Silver Leaf Clubs the latter winning by a score of 74 to 52 24 runs The following is a list of names of the players Silver Leafs P Orsea W Campbell R D Markle A Godfrey Wes Mosher Wm Mosher J Lee J Riley H Rivel, W Foster A Weller

Tear Away D Jamieson W Davidson G Dickson J Godfrey, A Marshall G Balfour J Marshall J Woods A Dickson J Lee T Stevenson

On Tuesday August 13 1867 a cricket match took place between the Mount Forest Club and the Walkerton Club on the grounds of the former The latter was defeated in one inning and thirty eight runs to spare

Baseball Aug 5 1867 A match of this game was played on Friday last between the Independent and Ontario Clubs on the Cricket ground the Ontario gained the day with 43 runs to spare

In the Canadian and Examiner of Feb 9th 1882 there is a record of a curling match Two rinks of Harriston curlers visited Mount Forest and played two rinks of the Mount Forest Club Rink No 1 Harriston J McKenzie J Collison W Fulton J Pratt skip 13 Mount Forest D Livingstone A K McLean G McCulloch Thos Swan skip 5 Rink No 2 Harriston G Moore D McNiven P Gavin A Moore skip 14 Mount Forest D Martin A Bissell R J Kennedy F McCulloch skip 24

Confederate Aug 24 1882 Mount Forest rinks defeated cricketers from Durham by a score of 76 to 67 A baseball club was formed in town by W J Dick with as captain T D Doyle Secretary and J. F Ward Treasurer

Confederate Dec 28 1882 The curling game on Christmas Day between President Swan and Vice President Russell resulted as follows Presidents T Ryan Drawn F McCulloch T Swan skip 14 DeForest A Ritchie sr D Livingston T Symmo skip 11 Vice Presidents T Bowie J Sheppard R G Kennedy A Russell skip 15 W Roberts Jr M S McNiven W S Hall F McCulloch skip

Old members of the Lorne Lacrosse Club J J Craig G L Allen James and Will McKenzie Alex Allen Wm McMullen John Marshall W Taylor George Taylor Geo Drummond Chas Walton Archie Anderson represented the Lornes in their first game played

away from home at Arthur in 1879

Representative July 21 1892 The Dufferins of Orangeville came to Mount Forest on Friday last and for the first time in the history of lacrosse in the North Western district succeeded in defeating the Lornes on their own grounds A furious storm spoiled the game Following are the name of the Mount Forest players T Glanville. T Allen. J Addison J Dixon C Jones J Cooil G Evans W Smith P Yeomans. W Jones. H Perry G Allen J Kilgour The playing of J H Addison on the Lornes defence was greatly admired He is one of the most expert lacrosse players of the day

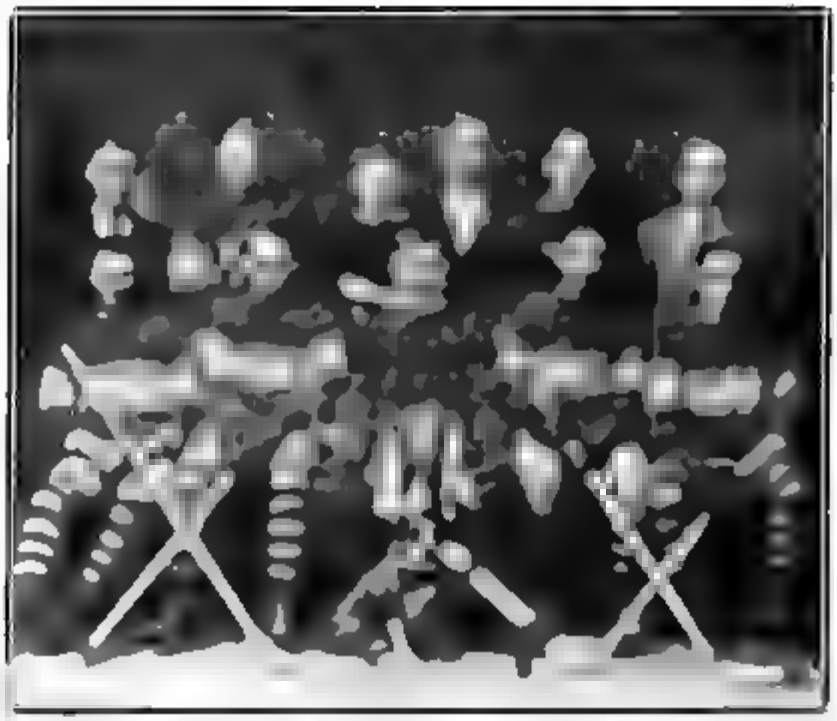
The Lornes fought a brilliant series of battles in 1905 winning the North Western District Championship and the semi finals for the Provincial Championship but not playing for the finals Following were the players Murray Pennock Orley Scott. Eddie Bryans Wm Martin J Pendergast Geo Straith Norman Lambert. B. Jones. John Martin. Dan Scott McCaffrey, Wes. Theobald A Rogers. Robert Martin. Elmer Lambert R Thornhill. A Brandt mascot. Geo L Allen. President Canadian Lacrosse Association

Members of Mount Forest Baseball team that played successfully with surrounding towns in 1907 Angus Smith, George Mannell, Frank McNiven Wm Langdon Frank Noonan. George Langdon, E. A Rose, Wm Chapman Harry Clarke. Fred Kingston. Clinton Moyer They played 14 games. lost 2

Following are the names of the Mount Forest High School Hockey Team and Officers Champions of District No 4, Junior Ontario Hockey Association, 1908 T E Speirs, B.A Manager Dr Chas. Jones, Pres R L. McGregor Sec Treas., Bert Scott, Duncan Brebber, Geo. Rose Geo Langdon, Grant McEwen, Wiberforce Rogers Wm Hinchey Wm Chapman Frank Globe

Northern League Hockey Champions 1909 Management. Art Corbett, Mgr G L Allen President, E K. Murphy and S A Pennock Secretaries F R Plunkett R J Scott, and R J Lamont Players —Goal. John McCulloch Defence T A Halsted David A McLeod Wings, Ernest Marlatt. George Mannell, Rover Wm Kennedy Centre A G Monicrieff Sub Howard Skales

From a list furnished by Mr G L Allen other members of the Lornes than those already mentioned were W.L (Major) Stevenson Ed Wheeler W Roberts Joseph Bigham J A Lambert J A McMullen. Chas D Allen E Bryans Andy and Robert Anderson Alex Godfrey Burns Hamilton Thos. Sheppard Calder McGilvary W W Jones, Reg Jones Henry Bedford Thos Cooil. Jos. Kilgour Thomas and Rollie Bowie Frank, George and Edgar McGuire Geo. Watson. Wes. Theobald. Chubby McClement, James Corley Harry and Art Pickering. Robert Perry Melville Martin. Harry Fair M Heffernan. J Farrell



Hampton, T Martin, M Lewis Girls Race under 10 H Straith N Gardiner M Patterson Girls Race under 8 A Maltby, E Kenny G McPherson, Girls Race under 6—S. Ross K McFadyen C Wagner, Sack Race—A Murphy A Straith, J Martin R Cringle Three-legged Race J Philp and L. McPherson, A Murphy and A Corrigan A Straith and A Till

High School Events

75 yard dash, girls—F Maltby F Herringer, R Russell Relay Race (four from each form ¼ mile each) Form 2 team M McPhaden, B. Martin R Ernst G McTaggart time 8 45 100 yard dash, junior M Hanna, Joe Egan W Straith time 12 3-5 Running Broad Jump, junior J Egan, M Hanna W Straith distance 14 ft 6 in Running Broad Jump senior—D Brebber G Langdon T Martin distance 16 ft 11 in 220 yards junior M Hanna, J Egan, W Straith, time 30 3-5, 220 yards, senior George Langdon D Brebber D Currie, time 27 Team Race girls (4 from each form Form 1 F Herringer G Cringle, A Armstrong, F Maltby High Jump, junior W Straith M Hanna, J Egan High Jump senior G McTaggart (T Martin G Langdon D Brebber) distance 4 ft 8 in Relay Race, P S vs Form 1 H S won by H S F Herringer G Cringle, M Gordon F Maltby Potato Race, girls Gladys Murphy, Marion Hampton F Galbraith, Throwing Baseball—Alice Cook Grace Cringle 440 yards, junior Joe Egan W Straith C Murphy time 69 3-5 sec 440 yards, senior D Brebber G McTaggart, G Langdon, time 63 sec Running hop step and jump junior J Egan, W Straith M Hanna, distance 31 ft 6 in Running hop, step and jump, senior George Langdon, D Brebber D Currie distance 36 ft 3 in., Pole Vault T Martin G McEwen, D Brebber height 7 ft 2½ in, 120 yard Hurdles (3)—G McTaggart, D. Brebber T Martin, time 17 4-5 sec, Special Egg Race—Duncan Brebber George Langdon

Open Events

100 yard Dash—R L McGregor G McTaggart D Brebber time 11 4-5 sec Mile Run G McTaggart R Ernst W Straith time 5 45 High School Marathon (6 miles) Seventeen started and eight finished in the following order—Russell Reynolds 38 15, Geo Ross 40 2 Russell Ernst 42, Bert Reynolds and Percy Gardiner 43 20 Thos McClement W Cavanagh, E. Steele The Junior Championship was won by Joseph Egan and the Senior Championship by Duncan Brebber

Townships Near Mount Forest

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THE TOWNSHIP OF ARTHUR

Arthur Township is the rural municipality with which Mount Forest is most closely associated though the area of the portion of the town part served from it is much less than the portion taken from Grey to the south and township part of the old County of Wellington.

Arthur was named after Arthur Duke of Wellington. It was surveyed in 1841-42 by John MacDonald. Its area is 61,184 acres. The first patent was granted to John Shaw for part of lot 5 on the west side of the Owen Sound Road. The first settlers came about 1840, when a road from Cummock was cut through the bush.

The general character of the soil is heavy clay land at the surface is from flat to undulating. The greater part was heavily timbered. On the higher parts beech and maple prevail, while in the lower lands here were immense cedar, tamarack and elm swamps.

The Owen Sound Road, now part of Provincial Highway No. 6 was laid out by the Government from Nichol Township to Owen Sound.

Among the first settlers were Francis Eaton, Thomas McCallum, Isaac Thompson, James Farrell, John Cushing and his son William (later Hon. Wm. Cushing, Calgary), Bryan O'Beirne, John Rhamo, Thomas Stevenson, the Ballantynes, Ludlows, Wrights, Shaws, Quinn, O'Donnells, Bacons, McGuires, Kellys and Cavanaghs.

A few years later came the Edwardsons, Walters, Bunstons, Langdons, Haywards, Hollys, Matthews, Gardens, McGillivrays, Stevensons, Wightmans, Harpers, Howards, Browns, Sheehys, Allens, McLellans and many others.

By 1846 nearly 200 acres of land had been cleared, and all the land lying along the road was laid out in 50 acre lots, and as fast as these were given away to actual settlers with the privilege of buying the 50 acres behind on condition of performing certain settlement duties. In a very short time every lot along the road was taken up.

Some of the difficulties and hardships were described by Mr. George Cushing, son of one of the pioneers. "Imagine a settler from the Old Land, without the knowledge of clearing and unskilled in the use of the axe, no keen frosty nights, no log bees, no raising like those we have at present, commencing to clear a fifty acre lot, covered all over with the dense and mighty forest. Many were the hardships endured in the old log shanties with improper doors, and of wolves howling at the forest door in the house for six weeks and potatoes the only food. Figure the carrying on the back of sacks of flour all the way from Fergus, men shouldering their heavy grain cradle and walking thirty miles and more to Guelph on a day to get work at the earliest harvest."

The first child born in the township was Mary Ann, daughter of

[illegible] and Mrs. Bryan O'Donnell, who afterwards married Patrick Shaughnessy. She was born in the spring of 1845 and received a grant of fifty acres for each of seven children, upon which she afterwards lived until her death on August 1, 1924. The second child was born on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan. She married James Carmody and had a family of [illegible].

[illegible] were planted by members of [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Thompson were [illegible].

[illegible] were held in the [illegible] the right [illegible] The [illegible] Church was built [illegible] near Knollwith where [illegible] The Methodists [illegible] at the same time. The Anglican [illegible] Shaughnessy near Knollwood and the Baptist [illegible] Presbyterians [illegible] Church [illegible].

The [illegible] was [illegible] to own [illegible] The [illegible] through the [illegible] Later an [illegible] Arthur Vance and [illegible] kept [illegible] Upton [illegible] Late post offices [illegible] Wigram [illegible] of the [illegible] the road [illegible].

In 1856, the Owen Sound Road was [illegible] and toll gates were established [illegible] make these [illegible] pay for [illegible] Peel and Bruce [illegible] Mount Forest [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

meeting held in the court room at Arthur on January 21 1850 Arthur Township was then a part of Waterloo County There was evidently some organization in 1849 as rates were assessed in that year The first Councillors were Andrew Mitchell J M A Cameron Richard Bothell Albert Townsend and John Shaw Mr Cameron was appointed Reeve and James Patterson Clerk The Township was before long represented in the District Council in 1849 by Robert Morrison and in 1850 by John McIntosh and Robert Morrison In the Waterloo Annuals of 1850 and 1851 J M A Cameron was Reeve and Deputy Reeve of the United Counties of Wellington Waterloo and Grey in 1852 Andrew Mitchell was Reeve in 1853 Thomas Stevenson and Robert Morrison in 1854 in the new Wellington County Council Michael Kelly and George Wright Deputy and in 1855 for Arthur and Minto in 1855 Michael Kelly and Andrew Mitchell for Arthur and Luther Neil Morrison Peter Clarke Hamilton 1859 Robert Morrison and John Sinclair 1860 John Sharp and Robert Morrison Reeve 1861 Peter A Taylor Reeve Samuel Atwood 1862 Henry Smith and Charles Cavanagh 1863 Robert Morrison and Stiles Smith 1865 66 Robert Stevenson and Joseph Smith 1867 Joseph Smith and Robert Gordon 1868 Robert Stevenson and Robert Gordon 1869 70 Robert Gordon and Andrew Scott 1872 Robert Stevenson and Thomas Pitcher 1873 Robert Stevenson and Malcolm Gillespie 1875 Robert Gordon and David Brown 1879 Robert Gordon and James Harper Robert Gordon and David Brown 1881 2 3 Robert Stevenson and Peter Dow Brown 1884 Robert Stevenson and David Graham 1885 Malcolm Gillespie and James Harper 1886 Malcolm Gillespie and Joseph Smith 1887 Richard Doyle and James Harper 1888 Richard Doyle and Wm H Harper 1889 Richard Doyle and Wm Eden 1890 R Doyle and W H Harper 1891 Wm Eden and A Stevenson 1892 Wm Eden and W H Hamilton 1893 David Brown and Neil F Brown

In 1896 the Ontario Legislature passed an Act to reduce the number of Councillors The Act took effect 1897 The County of Wellington was divided into seven divisions each division being represented by one County Councillor Arthur and Minto were holding their first meeting for the years The Township remained Township of Arthur and was a part of Arthur and West Luther This system was used until when each municipality was represented by Reeve Deputy Reeve and Councillors Mount Forest was the only exception It was the whole township and so Councillors were John McNab Arthur 1897 1900 John T Pitcher West Luther 1897 1900 Neil F Brown Arthur 1901 2 Michael McGowan West Luther 1902 3 4 5 6 Neil F Brown

In 1907 the position of Reeve of Arthur Township with at present the county council were Neil F Brown 1899 1901 Robert Nightingale 1902 3 4 John Langdon

Since that time the Reeves have been (there being no Deputy

Land Owners in 1877

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Cox M Brennan E Brennan J Nesbit J O'Donnell J Dunn J O'Donnell T O'Donnell T O'Donnell A Barton W Barton Mr Smith Widow O'Donnell W [illegible] O'Donnell C Neff R [illegible] H Main land R Cole T Brown T Phelps

Concession X T [illegible] A McIntyre P McIntyre J Snell Sr T Corcoran Jr T [illegible] Sr J Egan John Egan [illegible] J Cochlin Mrs McAnany Widow Bevan T Clark P Dwyer J Mc Namara W Hayes J Hayes P Rafter T Ready J Cook D Quin Ivan M Shannon J Garvey M Cox M Dillon J Keeping C Armstrong P Sherry M Quinlivan P Tangney J O'Donnell [illegible] O'Donnell R Brown R Ferguson G Cavanagh J Hunter [illegible] Neff G Cavanagh J Brown A Gilmour R Henderson W Scott A Mc Ewen S McEwen H Ternan W Ternan Jos Gilmour J Gilmour H H Gilmour

Concession VI A Stewart D [illegible] W Maher J Bell W Bell J Wathan D Fairmoon K Boyce [illegible] McEwen W Boyd [illegible] Bell J [illegible] [illegible] Greeley [illegible] Anderson J Anderson P [illegible] J Anderson P K [illegible] Widow Finnegan N [illegible] J [illegible] J Mc Grath Widow Keenan Widow Sheehy M [illegible] D Mcguire J M [illegible] T Ross J McCuaddy J M [illegible] M Everett Mrs [illegible] Henry John McGee J [illegible] T Ingram T Adams J Connell [illegible] Armstrong Mr [illegible] [illegible] Gamble [illegible] Gamble A Duggins W Mc Cauch R Dickson R Dickson R Warren S Smith W Ternan Thos Cousins

Concession VII B O'Donnell R Keenan [illegible] Stewart N M Godfrey A McMillan A McLaughlin [illegible] Heffernan J [illegible] h Widow M Laughton T Ghent G Horning H Boyd R Boyd W J Anston D Anderson C Armstrong J Armstrong W Woodward P Dillon Jas Crowley Jas O'Donnell T Lynch M Mansfield J McCullough P Stark M [illegible] Sr M [illegible] Jr J Connor D Lennon T Warden J Lavery G Scanlon J Wynn J Tennan W Smith R Clark W Gamble E Boyd I Gilmour R Henderson J Boyd W Boyd R Enoch

Concession VIII A and J Chisholm Widow Sinclair P [illegible] per H McKay A McMillan A McIntyre J McIntyre W McClellan A McMullen D McLellan J Campbell [illegible] Morrison R Morrison W Morrison R [illegible] T [illegible] T [illegible] I [illegible] R [illegible] S Hacker T Lynch J and P [illegible] John Mansfield Edward Daly P Murray I Lynch T [illegible] M [illegible] J Flynn M Lynch J Stack J Stack I Stack J O'Donnell M O'Donnell T Osborne J O'Donnell [illegible] Cotter J [illegible] [illegible] Hick J Gilmour [illegible] Stewart R Henderson I Mitchell

Concession IX R Ryan J Armstrong D McMullen R McGary N McTaggart Widow McTaggart J Harper R Morrison W Reid J McLaw Wm Reid John Thompson H Morrison N Dixon Wm Little J Allen M Christie [illegible] Shaw M Jamieson M Christie John Shaw Wm Shaw John Craig T McEwentram [illegible] Daniel T Ferster Wm Evans [illegible] Dowd T Welsh J Ash P O'Donnell T

Welsh P Shannonessey John Weal M S au Bunessy M Burke T Cushing S and J Wesley

Concession X Mr Dunn D McGeehan J Currie R McKay A Grahame R Morrison H Morrison J McPherson And McPherson W McLellan J M Lellan D McLellan K Johnston A Johnston D McKay A McKay J R Morrison W Morrison M Shaw (Wagon) J Craig John Craig Wm Shaw Wm Barber J Rothwell R Morrison J Morrison J Jr Welsh H Cook A Cook J Cook R Cook

Concession XI J Sept J Corrigan J McIver W McCauley J Livingston J Brown Chas McKeown C McLellan D McLeod J Brown J Murphy J Murphy N Fraser D Currie A Currie J Curran J Allen J Ferguson R W Bright C McIntosh H Hamilton J Morrison C Campbell D McKenzie A McKenzie John Nantz John S Morrison R Parker M Donovan P Donovan R Craig M Dickson A Morrison M Morrison J Morrison W Allan T Wynn J Mann E R Ewell J Mann J Morrison Wm H Mallett Wm H Mallett

Concession XII J Jack W Roberts J S Wilson A Doyle J Coulson W Brown J Jennings M Semple J McIver M and T Corrigan A Glassett C D Davidson J A Osborn W Williamson D Davidson Chas McLean W Turner A Douglas D McTaggart A McLaw N Brown A Currie J Burton G Williamson vacant lot A Sinclair J McLennan Mr Sloan D Clark Archie Brooks J Neil D McLellan R Ross C McMullen Pat Mahon J an O'Shaughnessy T Murphy John Murphy M Horrigan P O'Neil M Nicholson P Connor J McMahon J McMahon W McMahon Wm Spencer Barrett Evans J Barrett J Hall W Roberts T Corrigan

East Durham Second Con R McDougall J Muir Sidney and Henry Small D Lehr A Cutler N Morgan T White A Levine M Smith C McLeod Campbell's heirs Mr Harter R Scott W Walker R Nightingale J Nightingale A Brown Jas McNab A Brown G Harper N Brown John Brown D Brown D Brown S N Brown T Gardiner T McGuire R Armstrong A Allan T Armstrong J Jackson D Sheehy R Stevenson Brien O'Donnell K Morgan M Morgan P Sheehy D McNab J McNab (Scallwerth) S Madigan A McLeod J Burke Jas O'Donnell O Donovan J O'Donnell T Horan W Wright J Grey G Sparks Noah Tangeman McLaughlin F Barry T Ramey J Watson C Higgins R Watson R J Ochara J Langdon R McCutcheon G Sparks H Ivey A Allan W Tatham Mrs Ferguson Bertram J Martin W Evans J Armstrong J Campbell P Campbell R McNeil Hayes J Moor J Smith T McNeil J McGill J Kennedy Ivey Mr Lane C Crandon A Thompson Tyler G Smith H Armstrong C Green

West Durham Second Road John Mather & Sons (Saw Mill) A McDonald C A Drew Mrs J Corrigan J Quinn A Lemon Jas

Anderson Jas Anderson A W Shelton R Bright J McLeod J Fletcher J Hopkins R Bright C McLellan S Smith W Scales A Kirkpatrick A Kirkpatrick Sr J S McMeechen W Wheeler J S Harper Jas McNabb W Harper M Dale J Turner D McNab W Morrison N Brown W Weir R Munns T Wheeler J Shaw A Shaw J Shaw Ann Shaw M Mallory Bros Oliphant Jas Oliphant M Sheehy J Shaw Jas Crawley E Sibley G Ethel N Holworth R Gow R Hayward J Roth J Hess A Dale B Brown A Carthage J Marsha J Cavanagh M Langton M Packard R Kilpatrick T Loughessy S Hellyer W Hamm J Waters J Hines T Zeas J Langdon Robertson J Guard H Blyth A Langdon W Edwards T Burnett Connel & Fraser Pattison Terrance Cavanagh E Miles D McLeod J Pauline Widow Doyle C Brandon J Moor J Terrance R Mitchell S Smith Jas Robertson T McCulloch J Randall G Ogden J Ogden R Andrew J Green J McIntosh J Hammerman

TOWNSHIP OF EGREMONT

Egremont Township is connected geographically though not municipally with the town of Mount Forest just as closely as is Arthur Township and some reference to it is given here. The following narrative was kindly furnished us by the Outgoing Township Clerk Mr David Allan. It was written in March 1927.

The Township of Egremont is on the Southern boundary of the County of Grey and is bounded on the North by the Township of Glenelg on the South by the Township of Arthur on the East by the Township of Proton and on the West by the Township of Normanby. Geographically it is located 44 degrees north latitude 80 degrees 40 min west of Greenwich. Because of its geographical the climate is very even and healthful though severe in winter. At Heathville in the north east corner of the Township it is 1380 ft above sea level while at Holstein near the centre of the Township it is 1336 ft showing a sloping to the South. The Township is 9 miles wide by approximately 12 miles in length. The area of the Township is about 108 acres and the assessed value placed at $1,933,308 together with exemptions valued at $35,000. Concessions 2 and 3 are in level and run parallel with the Garafraxa road now a Provincial Highway. Each 4 runs along the Arthur Township Line and the other concessions run parallel to the Glenelg Township Line as reaches of paper 27.

The Township received its name from a town in England Cumberland County. The Northern part of the Township is somewhat hilly with considerable limestone and was always free from summer frost. The centre part is rather flat especially the Eastern side. The Southern part is undulating with varying soils from sandy to a heavy clay. The population of the Township about the year 1880 was 3700 while in the year 1891 it was 2314. The Gar-

tence The larger part of this village is on the Normanby side of the road

The Village of Holstein situated about 6 miles north of Mount Forest on Concessions 2 and 3 originated about the year 1855 a Post Office and General Store being conducted by N D McKenzie There were also Blacksmith and carpenter shops as well as grist mill and saw mill the saw mill being built by John Shields a branch of the Saugeen river supplying the power for the mill This grist was also conducted for many years by W T Petrie Other business men connected with the early days of the Village were Peter Dickson, Dr Tanner David Cameron R H Campbell Chas Kerr Wm Romain and Adam Brown The Village was elevated to a Police Village in the year 1906 and had its streets Park Athletic grounds and Hall a fine Monument being erected to the memory of the men who served overseas during the Great War The Village is served by Electric Lights There is also a Handle factory A Butter factory is in operation the year round With churches and schools and a number of choice residences and a general clean appearance it is a desirable place to live in

The Village of Dromore situated on Concession 11 is old and came into existence about the year 1860 Mr Alex Taylor being the first to engage in mercantile business as a general store A Post Office also was located here and is still in existence The store and Post Office have always been conducted by the Taylor family Robert Taylor son of Alex Taylor being the present owner A Blacksmith and Carpenter shop has always been in the village as well as a chopping mill and saw mill Dr T H Sceath M O H for the Township resides in the village

Another Village located on Concession 11 about the centre of the Township afforded much convenience to the early settlers for many years A store and Post Office Blacksmith and Carpenter shops were erected The name of this village was Vroom but on account of the changing conditions no business is now being carried on there

Boothville another small village situated on the Townline of Proton near the northern boundary and served the pioneer settlers well with its store Post Office Blacksmith and carpenter shops A Cheese factory was in operation for a number of years

Another stand where mercantile business has been conducted and is a convenience to the people of the surrounding country is on the ninth concession The name of the Post Office was Bolsh Mordoch P O on the second concession had a store in connection with it and a blacksmith shop was built across the road and continued in business for a few years about 1878

Other Post offices in the Township before rural free delivery closed them were Merritt on concession 22 with J G Wilson in charge Tarran on concession 19 with A Henry as Postmaster Maple Lane on concession 11 J R Philp Postmaster and Leader

and as much as a few settlers came into a neighborhood a place of worship was established either in a log church school house lodge room or dwelling Sometimes the service was taken by a layman

The clergy of pioneer days had many hardships to endure and there was no stated salary They had numerous appointments as for instance the Rev Donald McLean all the way from the Queen's Settlement in Arthur to the eastern side of Bentinck and the mode of travel was either a pony or on horseback and the Rev Alexander Stewart of Durham even extended as far as the southern part as he travelled long before roads were cut out passing the Line at Orton Among the first churches built was one of Congonhas 2 Lot 14 by the Methodist people another at Richard's Ford is yet a prosperous United Church and a Methodist church in Derwent Township named Ebenezer has from early days done a good work but has recently through Church Union joined the former The officiating Clergymen in the township at present are Rev Charles Jas Hobden United Church Rev Wallace Johnston Holstein Presbyterian Durham Presbyterian Rev Mr Westcott Methodist Church Rev J H Wheaton Durham Anglican

Amos Church about 3 miles west of the village of Clavemore was started by the Presbyterian people about 1860 The land was a grant by Mr George Amos who with his wife showed much hospitality and assistance to church workers of the early days so the church was given the name of Amos The first church was built of logs with planks for seats A cemetery 1 acre in area was given as the gift and more land has been added A fine brick church with basement replaced the log one in the year 1884 while early in the nineteenth century a brick manse was built adjoining it The church has always had a large membership Mr Wm Hamage with the record of forty seven years as choir leader contributed much to its success

Fairbairn Presbyterian church is situated on Concession 12 Lot 24 and was among the first churches established its first service being held in May 1853 although the neighborhood had only been settled the year before The service was conducted by John McClellan layman The ground upon which the first church a log one was built was a gift from Mrs Fairbairn who had rendered much assistance to early church workers and in return the church was named after her The present building a fine brick structure was built in the year 1869 the bricks being given by Mr Thomas Thode The church was elected a full staff of officers as follows Elders Mr Hugh Nicholson and Mr Alex Ritchie Deacons Messrs John McKenzie James Swanston and Thomas Waddell Managers Messrs [illegible] Paul and Charles McInnes with Mr James McKenzie as Treasurer Rev Hugh Frazier was the first pastor elected in the new church He also had Amos and Knox churches in his charge and his salary was six hundred dollars for the three appointments

Woodland church on Concession 9 at Lot 10 was established about 1868 The people of the surrounding country being of differ

ed denominations decided to have a union church and a log building was built. In 1858 a fine brick structure replaced it in the same spirit of unity as the crown used made up of the names of Neil McArthur, John Campbell, Robert Dye, Gilbert McEachern, Charles Billes provides that it shall never be exclusively owned by any particular denomination of the christian faith. The service was so long conducted by a Presbyterian minister and such harmony prevailed that it was never thought of as anything but a Presbyterian church now the United Church. The cemetery is and in connection with it a plot was used as a burying ground for the community.

A Presbyterian Church [illegible] was used for many years by the pioneers after the removal of the Reids Church to Holstein ceased to exist. The Anglican people worshipped for many years in Adams School House but in the year 1880 with Rev. A. A. Bice as Rector and John McQueen and William Davis Wardens a fine brick church was erected. The building committee was Rev. Mr. Wm. of Fraelon, Wm. [illegible] and Robert Mathews.

From this parish [illegible] its register was brought from the old [illegible] and remained stored [illegible] by South African war of 1899. It was represented at the [illegible] Messrs. John Lake [illegible] and Oliver Rolpers and a [illegible] enlistment and in the Great War of 1914-18 sent a number and [illegible] men overseas, eighteen of whom made the supreme sacrifice. I also had many more men in training and gave liberally of time and money to the struggle for right. The following is a roll of honor of the gallant men who served

Men From Egremont Township Who Gave Up Their Lives While Serving King And Country During The Great War

Thos. Allan	John W. Holliday	Arthur Mulock
Cecil Davis	Wm. Lowes	Samuel Seamar
William [illegible] Dickson	Wesley W. Masters	Howard Smith
Roy E. Eccles	William McNair	Richard Waline
Wm. R. Falkingham	Christopher Renwick	Russell J. Webster
Fred Fowle	William Milne	Alexander White

Soldiers Who Went Overseas

Harold A. Bell	[illegible]	James A. Troup
James Burnett	W. [illegible]	James Weir
Joseph Bro[illegible]	Jr. A. S. Mc[illegible]	Chas. Williamson
William [illegible] Burt	Roger W. Meekin	Lawrence Wilson
[illegible] Cameron	James McQueen	James Wilson
Meaghan W. G[illegible]on	Wm. McQueen	Virgil Wilson
Ernest Busby	Wm. T. Orchard	Charles Yeo
Earl Bowman	Wesley Pollock	James Purchase
Wilfred Douglas	Wm. D. Pow[illegible]	Wm. Brown
Thos. Carney	Roy Presley	George H. Brown
Fulton G. Cockburn	Douglas Hebert	George Reed
Stanley Campbell	Jacob Hein	Edgar Renwick
William [illegible]	Edward Hughes	James H. Renwick
[illegible]	Walter M. Hoff[illegible]	Lyle W. Renwick

Bert Dickson	Orton Hoy	Henry Hunter
Norman Dickson	Murray Hoy	Arch'd Roberts
Howard G Drumm	James W Hunt	Chas A Robertson
Albert Dyer	William Hunter	Spencer Robertson
Arthur S Eccles	Albert James	John Ross
Robert L Eccles	Fred Johnston	Clarence J Ross
James J Farrell	Alfred James	Percy J Ross
Joseph Farrell	Robert Keith	Arthur Rouston
Alex T Findlay	Roy Lawrence	Robert W Scarlett
Robert M Findlay	Chas S Legge	Gordon Scott
John W Findlay	Chas R Merry	Russell Scott
Joseph Gales	Cecil Miller	Wesley Seaman
Albert S Eccles	William Moore	Chas Small
Nell Iles	William McArthur	Thos Stinable
John J McCormick	Ernest J McBride	Arch'd J Stewart
Harry F McDougall	William Smith	N S Agnes Mark
Thos McDougall	James Todd	N S Winnie Dawson
Roger S McEachern	Samuel Treleaky	N S Alice Swanston

As regards transportation Egremont in the year 1880 gave a bonus of $60,000 toward the erection of a railroad line running from Palmerston through Mount Forest Holstein and Durham and was expected to reach Owen Sound but its terminal proved to be Durham It was operated by the Grand Trunk R R Co up to the change to the Canadian National

In 1916 the Grey County Council adopted the good roads system of construction and maintenance of certain roads each township to have a mileage according to its respective assessment This gave Egremont 37 miles to be designated by the respective Reeves but shortly afterwards the Garafraxa road was taken over by the Provincial Highway leaving approximately 30 miles of County road

The southern part is drained by the south branch of the Saugeen River and its tributaries on which are built a number of fine bridges of steel and cement The northern part is well watered with springs and creeks of pure water There is also a lake near the northern boundary from which flows a stream sufficient to turn the mill wheels for an up and down drag saw and two mills were built upon it by the early settlers one a few hundred rods from the outlet by Mr Hartley and another about three miles further down the stream by Aaron Voliett These mills had a capacity of about twelve or fifteen hundred feet per day of three grade lumber namely straight edge rough edge and slabs all of which were used in the erection of the first farm buildings

About the year 1900 Wilder's Lake situated in the northern part of the township was considered of immense value when it was discovered to contain cement marl to a depth of fifty feet and in consequence thereof a mill was built at Durham at a cost of a million dollars and was said to be one of the most complete Cement Mills on the continent A railroad was also built to the lake to convey the marl a steam sawmill had replaced the small one near the lake and

the railroad suffered a stroke the output a market In [illegible] the mill ceased operations and he marl was reported excavated in the lake and mail from another lake dredged The swinging machinery was taken off the boat and nothing but the hull left The two hundred acres of land also a few years ago Hon Dr Jamieson purchased the and lake and set about to reclaim the place to its natural beauty by the planting of the land with forty thousand trees of the most valuable kinds of timber and to replenish the fish in the lake with numerous fry a well stocked preserve on the island a to be found Buffalo who deer Belgian hare and English pheasants which occupied the banks of the lake are but a number of cottages occupied during the summer the by Dr Chester and several other of his friends residents of Durham A part of the railroad was purchased by the Township for a public road and possibly the most appreciated of any road with its bridges The lake has always born the name of Walker s Lake because a family of that name purchased its land around There were more than a hundred settlers on the farm

A sawmill on Concession 23 near the eastern side of the Township was built by John Richard Another on the opposite side at Concession was owned and operated by James Crawford while another known as Thorpe s Mill was at the extreme south on Concession with These mills supplied lumber for the early settlers who had to depend on a means for having their supplies The farmers brought of the Township have now good good farm buildings which enables them to operate the farms to the very best advantage Very few of the first buildings are to be seen

Agriculture in the early days consisted in the growing of spring wheat and peas as staple crops but oats barley and hay were grown in considerable quantities as well as potatoes and turnips Maple sugar was made in large quantities Sheep raising in the early days was of more importance especially for the wool which was entirely manufactured at home The women spent the pioneer evenings and long winter days in knitting both men and women in summer as well as winter therefore spinning yarn and weaving cloth was a important industry and many farm homes had a Weaver s room in them Girls undertook spinning a more paying job than boys as a woman and her girl would spin three skeins per day of the 18 hours to the sheep and forty threads to the knot reeled a run was one for a while the girl was could exceed it by a half skein or even thirty yards The weaver made the cloth a yard wide and for plain flannel got a cent per yard for striped or checked and a half cent while for he best grade she received three cents per yard

Making was also much used for home consumption Cheese making for a few years was done in engaged in and factories built at Durham as Varney Denzil and Walkerton but it was found detrimental to stock raising and entirely discontinued Creameries are

were patronized at present and hogs and cattle raised extensively

The system of marketing farm production by the very first settlers was to take cattle to the monthly fairs and dispose of them to city buyers who drove them to Guelph for shipment The rest of the farm produce was disposed of in trade for a few years. then the half cash and half trade custom came and was a great relief to all those who wished to make payments on their land

In the northern part of the Township for the past ten years clovers of the various kinds have been grown extensively and much of it for seed especially sweet clover and alfalfa Bee keeping as a profitable industry It was some of the honey exhibited by H D McIntyre of Durham at Wembly Exhibition England that was awarded first prize The southern part of the township is especially adapted to dairying and stock raising as it produces abundantly of grain hay and pasture A goodly number of breeders of pure bred cattle reside in the centre and the south Some of the most prominent breeders of early days were Cardwell Brothers Reid Brothers, John R Philip and the Bowmans while a few of the present ones are Donald McQueen Wm Thirp W Parbairn W Gillies Andrew Hunter J Downing W A Lawrence Thos Tucker and Parr Lawrence

The scale of wage for farm labour in early days and up to 1875 was three dollars a month for a hired girl and fifty cents a day for a man during the fall and winter sixty two and a half cents for seed time seventy five for haying and one dollar per day for the harvest

Wm H Hunter is the first farmer in the township to light his farm buildings and yard with electric lights The lighting is done by the Delco system and is giving entire satisfaction Miss Mary Shearer was the first person born in the Township Mr Donald McQueen who served as Reeve from 1901 to 1904 was the first Egremont born Reeve while W F Stephenson one of the first Magistrates is still alive and well in Manitoba at the age of a century or more Other Magistrates of the early days were Joseph Pitcher James Brown Samuel Wallace John Shields Benjamin Rogers and James Allan Sr father of the well known Allan family Magistrates at the present time are Charles McInnes Donald McQueen Jas Mack

Municipal Councils of Egremont

The first named was Reeve from 1867 to 1898 in 1919 and from 1922 to 1927 the second named was Deputy Reeve from 1888 to 1895 the third named was 2nd Deputy Reeve

1850 David Cochrane Ben, Crittenden, Thos Smith Isaac Starratt James Brown

1851 Jas Brown Thos Smith Wm Bradley Simon Orchard Lawrence Hills

1852 T Smith J Brown Jno McGregor Adam Brown Robt Dawson

1853 Jas Brown Jas Brown Sr Thos Smith Andrew Swanston Samuel Kidd

1854 Jas I Doyle Andrew Swanston Jno McGregor Frederick

R wan F W Stevenson

1855 James L Doyle Th mas Acheson F W Stevenson D Lumb Andrew Swanston

1856 A Swanson Thos Reid A Brown Robt Morrison, Jos Pelcher

1857 A Swanston A Brown Robt Morrison T Reid Jos. Pelcher

858 A Brown Jas Nain Jno Orchard, Robt Morrison A Swanston

1859 Jas. Reid, F W Stevenson Robt Dawson Wm Carry Neil McKellar

1860 Jas Reid, M Forest, Jas Hartley Thos Chapman, Jackson Reid Wm Caulfield

1861 Wm Caulfield Henry Wakefield Thos Chapman, Jackson Reid Sample, Wallace

1862 H Wakefield S Wallace Jackson Reid T Chapman A Swanston

863 H Wakefield T Chapman Jack Reid A Swanston S Wallace

1864 H Wakefield T Chapman Jno. Shields, W Caulfield S Wallace

1865 H Wakefield J L Doyle, J Shields Thos. Mickleboro, S. Wallace

1866 S Wallace H Wakefield J L Doyle J Shields A Swanston

1867 Henry Wakefield J L Doyle (Dep J L Doyle (County) H Wakefield Samuel Whitmore

1868 Robt F Brown Steele Alex McIntyre A Swanston Henry McDougall

1869 H Wakefield A Swanston Thos Keith Malcolm Sinclair Henry Craft

1870 H Wakefield Nichol McIntyre Neil McArthur Robt Bye Jas. Murdoch

1871 N McIntyre J Murdoch Rich'd Doyle N McArthur M Sinclair

1872 N McIntyre R Doyle N McArthur M Sinclair Jas Allan

1873 N McIntyre M Sinclair J Allan Jas Geddes H McDougall

1874 J Murdoch R Doyle Robt Campbell Wm. Lawrence N McArthur

1875 J Murdoch W Lawrence Donald McCormick N D McKenzie R Bye

1876 J Murdoch W Lawrence D McCormick N D McKenzie R Bye

877 J Murdoch N D McKenzie W Lawrence D McCormick W Caulfield

1878 J Murdoch D McCormick W Lawrence N D McKenzie Wm Caulfield

1879 J Murdoch W Lawrence D McCormick J Miller J Dawson

1880 J Murdoch W Lawrence J Allan J Dawson D McCormick

1881 J Murdoch W Lawrence J Allan D McCormick Jas Paul

1882 J Murdoch W Lawrence J Allan D McCormick J Paul

1883 J Murdoch W Caulfield J Paul J Allan D McCormick J Dawson

1884 W Caulfield J Paul D McCormick Jas Swanston W H Wallace

1885 Wm Caulfield D McCormick Jas Swanston Jas. McCal Robt Snell

1886 W Caulfield. D McCormick, J Swanston, R Snell, W A Fraser
1887 W Caulfield, D. McCormick J Swanston, W A Fraser Peter Dickson
1888 W Caulfield. D McCormick, P Dickson, W A. Fraser, James Crawford
1889 P Dickson J Swanston J Allan, J Paul. Wm. McFadden
1890 P Dickson J Swanston J Allan. J Paul W McFadden
1891 P Dickson. J Swanston. J Allan, J Paul, R Bye
1892 P Dickson J Swanston, J Allan W McFadden Albert Hagerman
1893 P Dickson J Swanston J Allan, W McFadden. A Hagerman
1894 P Dickson J Swanston, J Allan, W McFadden, R Bye
1895 J Murdoch, J Swanston W A Fraser, R Bye, Duncan Hunter
1896 P Dickson, R Bye. J Allan, D. Hunter David Leith
1897 P Dickson R Bye, Chas. McInnes, D Leith, Frank Rusnell
1898 P Dickson, D Hunter, C McInnes, Thos Ferguson, Donald McQueen
1899 P Dickson . McInnes D McQueen, Walter Hastie, Wesley Sharp
1900 P Dickson D. McQueen, W Hastie, C W Robb. D McIntyre
1901 D. McQueen D McIntyre. C W Robb. J W Walls. W McFadden
1902 D McQueen D McIntyre. W McFadden Jas. F Durant Robt E. Mickleboro
1903 D McQueen W McFadden. C W Robb, T Gordon, D McIntyre
1904 W Hastie. C W Robb, T Gordon J McArthur W Ferguson
1905 W Hastie, C W Robb T Gordon J McArthur W Ferguson
1906 W Hastie, C. W Robb, J McArthur, W Ferguson, Jno. R Philp
1907 W Hastie, W Ferguson J McArthur, J R. Philp Geo. Lothian
1908 W Hastie, W Ferguson, J R. Philp. G Lothian, Duncan Hunter
1909 W Hastie, J McArthur, G Lothian. D Hunter, Wm Watson
1910 J McArthur, J R Philp W Watson, Jno D Roberts, Jas. McIlvride
1911 J McArthur J R Philp. J D Roberts, Jas. McLachlan, Charles McRobb
1912 J R Philp, J D Roberts, G Lothian, J McLachlan, C McRobb
1913 J R Philp G Lothian W Ferguson. C. McRobb, C W Robb
1914 J McArthur W Ferguson C McRobb, C W Robb Thos J Gordon
1915 J McArthur W Ferguson, Jno A Ferguson C W Robb T J Gordon
1916 T Gordon W Ferguson C W Robb, J A Ferguson, Charles Hunt
1917 J McArthur, Thos. E. Brown W Ferguson, Andrew Hunter Nicho McDougall
1918 J McArthur, T E Brown, W Ferguson A Hunter N McDougall
1919 G Lothian, N McDougall Alex Allan, Gilbert McEachern George C Swanston

NOTE Mr Lothian Reeve died Sept 12th. 1919 and Mr McArthur

was elected by acclamation to the Reeveship for the remaining part of the year

1920 C McInnes A Allan N Calder, C McEachern Robt J Wilson
1921 J McArthur A Allan N Calder Allan McDougall, R J Wilson
1922 G McEachern A Allan Wm M Groat A McDougall R J Wilson
1923 G McEachern N Calder W M Groat A McDougald William Aberdeen
1924 G McEachern N Calder W M Groat J A Ferguson James Mack
1925 N Calder J A Ferguson J Mack Erwin Robb Nobie G Wilson
1926 N Calder J A Ferguson J Mack E Robb N G Wilson
1927 N Calder J A Ferguson N G Wilson E Robb William H Hunter

Municipal Officers of Egremont

Clerk Thos Acheson 1850 1853, Benjamin Rogers 1854 1866 Robert Legate 1867 1883 David Allan Sr 1883 1915 David Allan Jr 1915 1927

Treasurer Isaac Petty 1850 1851 James Brown, Jr 1852 1853 Isaac Beatty 1854 Benjamin Rogers 1855 1858 Thomas Reid Mount Forest 1859 1864 Thomas Brown 1865 1903 Alvin Durant 1904 1906 John A Swanston 1907 1913 John R Philp 1914 1924 Walter Hastie 1924 1927

Assessor James L Boyle 1850 1852 1858 John Reddick 1853, Robert Johnston 1854 1855 John McGregor 1856 Wm Walker, 1856 Thos Acheson 1857 1866, F W Stevenson 1857 1860 1861 J Henry 1858 J J Carson 1859 J Shields, 1859 Thos Brown 1862 1864 James Torrance 1865 Wm Caulfield 1867 1880, James Bowman 1868, Andrew Howison 1869 Wm Douglas, 1870, Donald Currie 1871 Horatio Stevenson 1872, James Matthews 1873 James Allan, 1874 Andrew Houston 1875 Isaac Traynor 1876 James Leask 1877 79 1881 87 1890 James G Wilson 1888, 1889 1891 1897 James Swanston 1898 1900 Walter Hastie 1901 1903 David McIntyre 1904 1907 David McKelvey 1908, Walter A Reeves, 1909 1927

NOTE Mr Philp Treasurer died August 9th 1924 and Mr Hastie was appointed Treasurer

Some Old Records

In a very rare book which was published in 1865—66 by the Rev W Wye Smith, here are interesting particulars given regarding Egremont about that time We quote the following as published in the Owen Sound Sun Times some ten years ago

Schools and School Teachers in 1864

There are nine School Sections wholly within the township beside five others Union Sections connected with Normanby

No 3 Union Alexander McRae teacher House frame. Furnished with maps etc Average attendance for 1864, 19 from Egre-

mont, and 18 from Normanby 37

No 4 Union (Male) Robt Fairbairn teacher House brick Mount Forest house log Furnished with maps, etc Average attendance for 1864 32 from Egremont and 32 Normanby 64

No 4 Union (Female) Jemima Hay teacher House frame (Mount Forest School Furnished with maps, etc Average attendance for 1864 28 from Egremont and 31 from Normanby 59

S S No 4 James Allen teacher House log Furnished with maps, etc Average attendance for 1863 34

S S No 5 John Meares teacher House log Furnished with maps, etc Average attendance for 1864 39

S S No 6 William Reid teacher House log Furnished with maps, etc Average attendance for 1864 24

S S No 7 Henrietta Henry teacher House log Furnished with maps etc Average attendance for 1864 19

S S No 9 Isabel Drummie teacher House log Furnished with maps etc Average attendance for 1864 20

S S No 10 Thomas Moore teacher House log Furnished with maps etc Average attendance for 9 months of 1864 24

S S No 11 James Cavanagh, teacher House log Furnished with maps etc Re-opened 1st January 1865 Average attendance for first half of 1864 1[illegible]

S S No 12 Robert Legate teacher House log Furnished

S S No 13 Elizabeth Sterratt teacher House log Furnished with maps etc Average attendance for 9 months of 1864 13 with maps etc Average attendance for 1864 18

[illegible] No 1 and Div No 2 included in Normanby

Egremont Ratepayers in 1864

Acheson Thomas Adair James Jr Amos, Alex Sr Allan James Sr Adam D teacher Addison John, Adams James, Amos George Aiken Andrew Aberdeen Alex, Adams Henry Adams Robert Avery Lacey Andrew, Thomas Ashdown James Armstrong Christopher

Bigham Bailey Bigham Amos Bigham R J Brown Duncan [illegible]rwin Jas Brown Roger Bryans James Blaney John Baird James Babcock Joel Baxter James Bothwell Stewart Bell John Beal Albert Brown, Thomas Bell Thomas Brawley Wm, Bradley George Brown William, Brown Mrs R Black Alex Brown John Brown Malcolm Bruce James Baird J Bates Isaac Barr Mrs Agnes Storekeeper, Brown, James Brickmayer Brown Thomas Brown James Brown Adam Sr Brown Adam Carpenter Bowman James Brown Robert Burrows Wm Brady James Sr Bamston Joseph Merchant Boax George Buchanan Neil Bain George Baker John Bartley Robert Burrows Robt Bouldings Robert Buchanan John Bye Jas Bouldings Charles Bye Robert Bye George Buchanan Alex Bowman Wm Blanchard Gilman Bentley James Shoemaker Burgess Jas Cochrane John S Clarsne Robert Crittendan Jame[illegible] C[illegible]

Bennet Isaac Chippendell C. W. Court House Coleridge Daniel Connor Thomas Cumming Michael Chapman Wm Chapman Thomas Campbell Peter Campbell Colin Calvert Wm Clark Duncan Clark Neil Clark Arch Cassett James Chester George Cripps Adam Crane Joseph S. Campbell James Crawford Peter Sr Carter Amos Clark Duncan Coutts Alex Campion Thomas Cunningham Patrick Carmichael Hugh Calder John Campbell Donald Campbell Alexr Carmichael Donald Carscaw Patrick Cameron Wm Cowan Wm Sr Cowan Wm Jr Cothead Jas Caufield Wm Cameron Arch Currie Donald Campbell Peter Campbell Duncan Carson Jacob I. Cornell Joseph Cunningham Harry Cunningham Cole Robert Currie Dugald Currie Wm Campbell John Cook Wm

Darby Ogle Dodds James Doherty James Dyas James Dunnet Thomas Douglass Thos Doyle Wm Dobson James Daniels Thomas Shoemaker Dowe W. C. Dixon John Doherty Mrs Dawson Thomas John Dawson Sen Dingles James Dempo Charles Dixie Peter Sr James Dixie George Dawson Robert Dillon Wm Dunbar Wm Dow Richard Blacksmith Davidson Alex Darragh Andrew Dawson H Douglass Wm

Ewart Robt Ewart Richard Eccles William Elliot John Eaton Moses Eakel Samuel Elliot James

Freeman Stephen Fleming Thomas Fleming Samuel Jr Fleming James Ferguson Alex Fitzpatrick P Shoemaker Ferguson John Freeman Richard Freeman Wm Freeman Samson Ferguson James Farnham John Ferguson George Fitzgerald Henry Farrell Charles Farrell Carter Forsyth Henry

Garrett James Gamer Owen Gamon John Geddes James Galbraith Neil Greeny Matthew Gordon James Gilmer Charles Grimshaw Z Garrett Job Gibson James Giles Wm Gardiner Thomas

Hill Thomas Hamilton Alex Harmatz Wm Hooper James Hermsby John Sr Hermsby John Jr Haley David Haw Robinson Henderson Robt Henderson Alex Heard James Hicks James Hiscock John Hiscock Fred Hughes Edward Howe Wm Houston James Hamilton John Howell Andrew Hilts Solomon Heraburgh John Cox James Hogg Patrick Hilts Michael Hilts Abm Hunter Henry Hunter John Henry Wm E Hewitt James Hewett Robt Hudson John Hosking David Hair Wm Hiner John Hester Joseph Harding Wm Hern Robert

Ivey Wm Jas Isaac James Irons Wm Isaac John Hes Ingle Ireland Wm Empringham Irving James

Johnson James Johnston John N Jeffrey Alex Jackson Jacobus Jack Wm Sr James Wm Johnston George Sr John Johnston Jr

Kendold Wm Kennedy Angus Keith Thomas Kidd Samuel Kerr Charles and Co Blacksmiths Kerr Alex Kennedy John Kennedy Robert Kennedy Martin Kennedy Wm Keith Peter

Kelly Wm Keith Hugh Keith Arch, Keith Andrew, Keith Duncan Kennedy John, Kennedy, Robert Keith Duncan Keith Roger Lepard Nelson Lepard Christopher Lepard Hiram, Linnel Joseph Linnel William Lawrence George Lawrence. William Lawrence John Lindsay James Lamont James, Legate R, Lemk James Leith John Lamb William Lamt David Lamt Joseph Lee Wm Leslie Andrew Lunn Robert Little Arch, Lewis Wm Langdale John Lumley William Lumley George Logan Wm Leslie Pete Lamont Angus Lamont Arch Lowell Wm Lamont James Leversage James Lindsay Wm

Mack Joseph Meal Wm Morton David Machesney James Muir John Matthews John Moor Joseph Moodie Peter Martin James Morrison Robert Main Nelson Main Robert Myers James Moodie Robert Moodie George Mills Mrs A Merchant Joseph Murphy George Main Adan Main John Morley John Mutch Alex Mark John Murdoch James Miller John Mitchell Charles Morrison Walter Mickleborough Thomas Morrison Geo Morrison John Mosier Jacob Morrison John Montgomery Donald Muir Robert Morrison Robert

McGregor John McMicken James McLachlan Daniel McFadden John McKinnon Donald McKechnie Hugh McLachan Arch McDougall Henry McEachern Angus McEachern John McIntyre John McIarty Arch McIarty Charles McPhail. Dugald McBride John McBride Robert McFadyen Wm McMillan Malcolm McGeagh James Carpenter McKellar Neil Sr McCauley John McGee Henry McLear John McIntyre Alex McPhee Neil McPhee Peter McDougall James Sr McLachlan. James McPhee Donald McPhee Dugald McFarlane Hugh McLachlan. Duncan, McLachlan John McQueen. Donald McQueen John McIntyre Nichol McIntyre Joseph McIntyre Arch McIntyre Peter McIntyre James McArthur Peter McCullough George McQueen Allan

Nason Joseph Nevis David Nixon James Neal George Nelson John Nelson John Nelson Wm Nelson Hugh Nelson Jas Nicholson Alex Nixon Hugh Nelson John Carpenter

Orchard Samuel Orchard John Orr Alex Orr Neil O'Connel John Orchard Paul O'Hara Oliver

Patterson J Patterson Hugh Pace John, Pollok George Pollok Alex Pearce Garret Pinder Wm Penn James Parker James Pinnock Ira Peckover Daniel Patton James Pelcher Joseph Pitt John

Quinn Samuel Quinn Isaac Quinn Thomas Queen Gerry Queen John

Reid Peter Reid Gavin Ranton John Rutherford John Carpenter Ross Allen Rogers Ben Robertson David Reid James Reid Thomas Reid Wm Romanes Wm Blacksmith etc Robbie Charles Robbie Arch Ross James Reid Robert V Reid Jackson Rawn Henry Rawn Abial Roberts Edward Rob

...ris Ezekiel Reid Joshua Rawn Frederick Rawn John Rawn Nicholas Rawn George Rawn Stephen Reed Samuel Reid Jos Roger Elliott Ross David Rogers James Ray Colin Rutherford John

Stevenson R W Stevenson Horatio Scott John Smith George Simpson John Sgt Maj H Smith John Setter George Stephenson Joseph Small John Spry Walter Scott William Sir Wm Sproule Shaw Dawson Sharp Jos Stewart Thos Sharp David Spencer Jno Sr Shearer Jas Skinner R W Butler Snell Wm Sewell Andrew Spencer Jno Swanston Andrew Stevenson John Sproule Michael Shoemaker Shields John Sim James Sim Robert Sim David Scott Samuel Sod Wm Shields James Sinclair Duncan Scythes Henry Swanston Jas Smith John Spencer Sr Snell George Sisson Wm Spicer Richard Shell Christopher Spence George Sharp James Sen mar Smith Shell Lacy Carpenter Spicer John Smith Andrew Stewart John Stephenson George Sinclair Malcolm Sinclair John Sturrat Isaac Sproule Jas Smith Alfred

Torrey John Teal Isaac Tasker Alex Meehan Traynor Peter Turner Thomas Tait James Trayner Henry Torrance Jones Tebby Thos Thorp Thomas Thurston John

Vidal Thomas Vogel Andrew Vanstone

Whitlow John Wilson Samuel Wilson Hugh Wilder Thos Wilder William Wilder Nathaniel Waters Matthew Wilder Isaac Wyer James Wilder Wm Wilson Wm Wilder Daniel Wilson John Wilson Jas Wyer Alex Wilson John Wilder Isaac, Wilder Hiram Wyer Peter Wilder Russell Williams John Wood Matthew Wyer Henry Wyer Robert Webster John Wyer Jno Wilson Jonathan Wyer John White Jas Wilson Jas Wetherall James Wyer John Wilder Adam Wood Andrew Shoemaker Wrigley John Wyer Richard Wyer Wm Wood Thos Woodall John Wild Wm Wyatt George Wallace James Watson George Ward Chester Wilson Wm Wilkes Wm Wm Wright Thomas Wisp Daniel Wright David Yates Alfred Wallace Samuel Wilcox William

Young John

THE TOWNSHIP OF NORMANBY

This township was named in honour of Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Normanby, a title now extinct. Mount Forest township lies to the west of the Saugeen River and to the west of Main St. The Saugeen takes a course through it from south west to north east. It is the south western township of the County of Grey and is bounded on the north by the township of Egremont on the east Arthur and Minto on the south and Carrick in Bruce County on the west. It is the 13th township in Grey county and contains 56,000 acres of land. The population in 1881 was 563 and in 1891 was

of any township in Grey at [illegible] was only assessed at $ [illegible] per acre assessed value

The Garafraxa Road [illegible] Mount Forest as the Owen Sound Road [illegible] which [illegible] Egremont was run with many curves by John McDonald P L S from Goderich in 1841 At that time only a [illegible] was kept up but in 1845 a second and [illegible] was added to each side These constitute what [illegible] Survey as Normanby Egremont and [illegible] The first sales were given in [illegible] were granted [illegible] which [illegible] began [illegible] the [illegible] with a patent [illegible] David Gibson P L S The 1st 2nd and 3rd [illegible] Owen Sound Road [illegible] both north and south From the 4th to the 10th [illegible] east and west [illegible] ring the [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] The Normanby [illegible] sale by the Government [illegible] for a year or two before that date there had been a [illegible] German immigration filling up Garrick and parts of Normanby Egremont and Bentinck These settlers purchased the lots put [illegible] they [illegible] and the face of the country soon began to show the hand of improvement It is remarked that throughout Canada as a rule do Germans make enterprising and reliable settlers [illegible] that they usually locate on poor land [illegible] The western and south western half of the township [illegible] land [illegible] with rocks [illegible] stones and lying [illegible] The Saugeen River in its passage from Mount Forest to Harriston divides the township diagonally [illegible] rather nearer [illegible] than [illegible] The part south west of the [illegible] chiefly [illegible] the hands of the Germans While here [illegible] and at different points on the Garafraxa Road and [illegible] the northeastern portion [illegible] a considerable amount of swamps and gravelly land The prevailing [illegible] of Normanby is clay

The name Normanby should be carefully distinguished from that of Normandy which is [illegible] carelessly used [illegible] the township and which is the name of a former [illegible] with [illegible] that was settled by men from Northern [illegible] The township was named after Constantine Henry Phipps Marquis of Normanby an English statesman and author who was born in [illegible] and died in 1863 He was [illegible] of Jamaica [illegible] of Lower Canada [illegible] Secretary [illegible] Home Department [illegible] Mr Gladstone's [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] He received his title from the town of Normanby in the north of Yorkshire According Chambers's Encyclopedia it had in 1891 a population of 9 [illegible] It was given the title of Marquis in 1694 to John Sheffield Earl of Mulgrave and Normanby Duke of Buckinghamshire as the wards to [illegible] after which the [illegible] was

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

Schools

Union No 1 David Allan, Teacher House log Furnished with Maps, etc Average attendance for 1864 (from Normanby 21

Union No 2 Samuel Quinn, Teacher House. log Furnished with Maps etc Average attendance for 1864. 13 from Normanby

No 1 Nathaniel Grier Teacher House log Furnished with Maps, etc Average attendance for 1864, 34

No 2 David Grier Teacher House log Furnished with Maps, etc Average attendance for last six months of 1864. 14

No. 3 Annie Corley, Teacher House. log. Furnished with Maps etc Average attendance for 1864, 19

No 4 Edwin Riley Teacher House. log Furnished with Maps etc Average attendance for 1864. 31

No 5 Wm H Riddell Teacher House log Furnished with Maps, etc Average attendance for 1864 48

No 6 Patrick O Leary Teacher House. log Furnished with Maps, etc Average attendance for first six months of 1864 43.

No 7 Margaret Heterick Teacher House. log Furnished with Maps, etc Average attendance for first six months of 1864 17

No 8 Henry Muir Teacher House log. Furnished with Maps. etc Average attendance for 1864 8

No. 9 Donnar e Zweifel Teacher House. log Furnished with Maps etc Average attendance for 1864. 27

No 12—Charles Hartlieb Teacher House, log Furnished with Maps. etc Average attendance for 1864 18

No 13 Henriet a Gardiner Teacher House. log Furnished with Maps etc Average Attendance for 1864, 18.

R C Separate School No 2 Jeremiah O'Sullivan Teacher House. log

R C Separat School No 10 Vacant House log

Union No 4 (Normanby and Egremont Mount Forest School House. Brick Furnished with Maps., etc Average attendance from Normanby for 1864. 33

Union No 4 Normanby & Egremont Mt Forest Female School House frame Furnished with Maps. etc Average attendance. from Normanby for 1864 32

Union No 3 (Normanby and Egremont House frame Furnished with Maps. etc Average attendance for 1864, from Normanby 18

Ratepayers in 1861

Aldrich William Aldrich Charles Anderson Wm, Ammerman David Alder Robert, Acton Robert Allan, R, Arthur Robert Sr Arthur, Robert Jr, Arthur James Aird Edward Ash Francis Anderson James, Allan John Allan James Amerell George

Brown Peter, Barlow Thos Blaisdell Daniel, Burns Pat Inn keeper Budd, James Bentley John, Bentley James, Barrett Jas Boyle. David Blaney Thomas Bailey James Bright. Robert Bray, Michael Blythe, Colin Sawyer, Bedford. Samuel Blaney Edward

Beatrich Edward Becker Peter Becker Henry Blindhaber John Becker Conrad Becker John Bayer John Brennan John Baetz Conrad Branigan Wm Bergan, John Burns Joseph Burns Michael Braun Philip Brewer Jacob Brown Michael Baxter Augustus Burke Michael Bergan John Bergan Michael Berryman Wm Birkbeck Isaac [illegible]hart Wm Ball Hugh Bar. John Barron John Barron Philip Batchelor Thomas Becker Adam Bauer Ludwig Baxter Henry Beal James Becker Christian Byers Thomas [illegible] John Barber Robert Burns Patrick Bryson Robert Burke Thomas

Cowert John Cardwell Thomas Merchant Cornish John Cannar James Chamberlain Wm Carter James Corley John Christopher Christian [illegible]ter Wm Crozier John Crozier Robert Carlyle John Carson Samuel Carmichael R W Cairns Martin Chatten Sylvester [illegible]n Henry Cassidy P Clifton Sylvester Cassidy Stephen [illegible] Clark [illegible] James Curran Edward Clark Robert [illegible] Mc Murray Clark George Cassler Alex Catterson James Cathcart Patrick Cooper John Carey Daniel Casey Thomas Cain Mc [illegible]ert John Cairns James Campbell Duncan Collins Jeremiah

Davis John Dempsey Andrew [illegible] James Dickson John Dickson John Vogel [illegible] Jacob Dingman Thomas Innkeeper [illegible] Cooper [illegible] Oliver Dean Robert Dyer Frederick Dunn John J. Dingman Augustus Doyle Thomas Doyle James Dodd Francis Hawkins James Dunn John Dunn Henry Dunn John Sr. [illegible]ling Cornelius Downing Patrick Dwyer Peter Dilkert John Donahue John Dooley George [illegible] Dunn David Dooley Andrew [illegible] Joseph [illegible] Thomas

[illegible]ckhouse Richard Emmel Adam Evans James Edgar John Elder Samuel Ebert Ludwig Ehrgh Jas Enright Patrick Enright John Eckert [illegible] Esch Peter Elliott Robert Edward [illegible] Ellerton Nicholas

Fox Wm Finnegan Bernard John Fox Alex Fitzgerald John Fitzgerald [illegible] Fraser Joseph Fitzsimmons John Fisher John Fox Daniel Fisher Nicholas Fisher Frederick Fenn James Fox [illegible]atrick Finnemore [illegible] Fox John Farmer Thomas Fisher [illegible] Finnegan Owen Fox Michael Ford Henry [illegible] Wm [illegible] Robert [illegible] Thomas Fisk Valentine Funk John

[illegible] John [illegible] Edward [illegible] [illegible] John [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Richard [illegible] John Gillespie Thomas [illegible] John [illegible] [illegible] Grant Thomas [illegible] Gault [illegible] Alex [illegible] Henry [illegible] Peter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Catherine Gerlin George Gore Chris. Gebert Christian Gut John Gates Adam Gates George Gate Job Gid Fyfe [illegible] Gaukel Jacob Gideon John Griffin George Gardner Wm Gunther George Sr Gunther George J Greer Francis Gut Carl Jacob Gilmore Dean Greig Peter Green George Green

Owen Geddes Walter Geddes Thos Gerlar Matthias

Hart, Joseph Harvey Michael Henny Owen Henny James Henny Christopher Henny Patrick Hill Wm Hunt Mrs Hatch J H Harley Wm Hastings John Halliday George Halliday James Holmes Wm Holmes Thos E Holmes John C Half penny Jacob Hapragham Patrick Hawkins Isaac Hawkins John Heesemann Henry Hislop Mrs Holinger Philip Hunsberger Benjamin Hartlieb Charles Harding J Hermann Henry Hughes John Hughes Wm Hunter C H Harmiston James Hembach David Henry Francis Henry Robert Herle John Herbst Frederick Hilts James Hilts Samuel Hatter Moses Hopf Martin Herr Ludwig Horf George Horf Nicholas Hammer George Horrigan Dennis Henderson George Henderson Robert Hum Charles Hilgartner S Himmer George Hill Christian Hahn Frederick Hahn Henry Hahn Ludwig Hartman George Hantan Richard Hohnstein John Hetterich John Horst Henry Horst Casper Hopkins Robert Hopkins Charles Heinman Conrad Hoehn Nicholas Hofman Lewis Harrison George Hagg Peter

Ioat Greer Ireland Stephen Irons Charles

Jackson J B Jeffrey Robert

Knox Andrew Knox Thomas K Kenny John Kenny Patrick Kenna Patrick Kenna Michae King Henry Kreutzer George Koenig J Koenig L Kreutzer John Keller John Blacksmith Keely Michae Kuester John Kensel Fred Kuiz Peter Klein Reinhard King Hiram Kirby Patrick Kirlo John Kreiler Fred Jr Kreiler Fred Sr Kreiler Wm Kearnan Wm Keys Hugh Knapp Denis Klages Andrew Kapischke Gottlieb Koss Joachim Killingbeck George Kalb John Kalb Henry Kerr Mrs

Lalonde S Lalonde Joseph Logan Hugh B Lougheed John Lackey John Lackey Thomas Lucas Wm Jr Lucas Christopher Lovel John Lawson John Leopold Martin Lemot John Leimer Peter Leimer John Lippert Conrad Lanz John Lynch Mortimer Lowe Michael Lang Dennis Little John Little Samuel Leonard Anthony Lobsinger Louis Lewis Wesley

Monroe PJ Malley Patrick Morrison Cornelius Morrison Samuel Morrison John Marsha Robert Jr Marshall John Marshall Robert Marsha Jas Marshall Andrew Marshall Alex Marshall Wm Munro John Munro Henry Murphy Darby Murphy James Murphy Michael Mullen John Mullin Arthur Mullin Peter Mullin Dennis Moor John Moor Samue Moor Robert Moor George Meyer Charles Masterson Charles Mohan Peter Mooney Thos Marth John Miller J Bn Miller Paul Miller Nicholas Mitchell Wm Mitchell John Mearns David Meier Peter Meyer James Meyer George Meyer Vincent Maas Martin Murray James Morris Wm Morris John Jr Morris John Morris Patrick Mulvihill Thos Mehar Jeremiah Mehar John

McFarland Bernard McFarland Thos McFarland James M

Farland George Sr McFarland George J McFarland Wm Mc Lee James McGee Neil McNeice Daniel McCormack Michael McCormack James McNamara Denis McVean Robert McGrath John McPhee Neil McPhee Malcolm McPhee Arch McPhee John McGillivray Donald McGillivray Alex McCulloch David McCalmon John McKay John McCowan Samuel McCowan John McCowan Thos McDonald Alex McDonald Angus McDonald John McDonald Donald McDonald Hugh McIntee Stephen Mc Leroy Patrick McMaster Jean McKinley John McCauley Edward McHorsed Andrew McMeeken James McMullen Peter McKinnon Donald McKinnon Duncan McKinnon John McKinnon Malcolm McIntosh John McMahon Cornelius McMahon Henry A McDermott Bernard McCarthy Patrick McKenzie Kenneth McNaughton Lachlin McKenna Miles

Nolan Patrick Nolan Edward Nolan John Nolan Lawrence Nihol Thomas Nesel John Nester Matthias Nester Sigismund

Osborne Aaron Orchard John Orr Joseph O'Shaughnessy Peter O'Brien Michael O'Brien James O'Brien Thomas O'Brien John Owens Robert O'Connor Harrison Oneil Thomas Oswald Sebastian Ochs Frederick O'Farrell Andrew O'Connell Mortimer O'Donnell Patrick O'Donnell Michael O'Reilly Wm Oliver Thomas

Pettigrew Quinn Putman Solomon Potter Henry Peters James Patterson Wm Peter John Yost Pletsch Adam Paul Vallbrecht Pfeffer George Pfeffer Geo Pfeffer Valentine Ploeth nes Fred Pfe John Trushaw Edward Pfleus Otto Porter Levi B Porte George Planta Henry Parley Thomas Parks Patrick Peterson Wm

Quirk John

Ray Matthew Rea Jeh Rogers Robert Rogers Thos Redditch John Russell Thomas Reid James Reid Roderick Regan Thomas Regan Patrick Regan Michael Robertson John Reddy John Ree George Reed William Ryan Martin Ryan Cornelius Ryan M H Ryan Michael Riepert Chas Riepert Henry Reipert John S Runge John Rappentha James Redding John Reil Thos Roman John Rahn John Rahrig Patrick Robinson Benjamin Ryder Edward Reiner Fred Rebh f Hugh Rugal Adam

Schwartzlow Francis Siegert, Hamilton Semple John Smith Patrick Smyth Alex Smith Wm Smith Alfred Smith John Sr Smith John J Smith Thos Merchant Smith J hn Stinson Mrs Stinson George Shields Daniel Swan George Stewart Duncan Stewart James Stewart, Wm Stewart Peter Sample, Andrew Stevenson Wm Stevenson Robert Stevenson Thomas Stevenson Mrs Scollen Hugh Sir John Sir Thomas Shiel Alex Shiel John Small Hollyard Shannon Denis Shannon Glasgow Shannon Patrick Schultz John Schuler Henry Schott Henry Schwab Henry Schwab Henry Jr Siefert James Schaus

James Schaus, James B Schaus John, Schaus, Ph[illegible] Seil Jas Schmidt Christian, Sing John Sansen Chas., Jr Schwalm John, Stroh, George Stroh, John Seffrey James, Sullivan Timothy Sr Sullivan Charles Sullivan, Cornelius Sullivan Michael Saeger James Schrieber Charles, Schlowhauer Nicholas Seigmiller Jas, Schenck George Schilling Charles Schilling Frederick, Schilling Fred W, Siegrist Nicholas Snyder Christian, Scoales John Scott Timothy Sheehan, Morris Shoenbacher Augusta, Spielmacher, Jacob, Spielmacher Andrew Sager Charles Schnieder Henry Schnen Julius Steckenreiter Anthony Steckenreiter John, Sharpe Wm. B Sharpe John Schenck George.

Tyson Wm Tyson John Tarry Joseph, Tumpkins Mrs., Tanner George, Tanner Wm. Tate, John, Taylor, John Thompson James Theiss John Tegler Christian Tone, Matthew Tone Wm Tone James, Tegle Henry Tiffany George Thomson, Arch

Unger Absalom Umbach Frederick

Voight, Sebastian Vance, Henry

Wappler Andreas Wappler Henry Wright, Samuel Wright, John Wright George Wright George Sr, Werner Henry Woods Wm., Witherow John, Wilkinson, Isaac Wilson John Warner P R Innkeeper, Watson Robert Watson Robert Jr Watson David Webber James Wilcott, Wm Whiteford Robert Sr, Waldron Wm, Williamson Joseph Ware John Whalen Patrick, Williams James Weber Peter, Walters Wm., Walters John Weltz Frederick Weltz Adam, Weltz John Werner Daniel Werner Martin Widmeyer, Francis Widmeyer Englebert Widmeyer Adam Widmeyer David, Widmeyer Anthony, Wilson Charles, Weber Jacob, Weber Philip Winkler David Wagner John R Wagner Andrew Walter, Frederick Walter, Jacob Wesch Henry Westenhoefer Wagner Mathias Willis, Sidney Waters John Wangler Joseph Wilson Peter

Young John Young James Yungbluth John Yungbluth George

TOWNSHIP OF MINTO

Minto is the most north westerly township of the County of Wellington It is almost square in shape, about 10½ by 11 miles in extent with a small square about 2½ miles by 2¾ bitten out of the northeast corner by the Township of Normanby in Grey County It is bounded on the north by Normanby on the east by Normanby and Arthur on the south by Wallace and Maryborough and on the west by Howick

Minto received its name from Sir Gilbert Elliott, the first Earl of Minto, who was born in Edinburgh on April 23rd 1751 As a boy he spent two years at a school in Fontainebleau in France under the eye of David Hume and after passing through the Universities of Edinburgh and Oxford in 1769 entered Lincoln's Inn and was called to the bar in 1774 Two years later he entered Parliament as a

[illegible] Lord [illegible] he from 17[illegible] supported Fox and Burke in 1794 1796 he was sworn in Governor He was created Baron Minto in 179[illegible] and went out to India as Governor General in 1806 After a distinguished administration he captured Mauritius and Bourbon, the Spice Islands and Java returning to England as Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund in May 1814 but died on June 21st of that year [illegible] as governor general was a successor to the (then but rather unfortunately) when in Canada do not use the name that bore his family name

The Township was surveyed by Charles Rankin D L S of Owen Sound in 1851 and on that site appears to have received a patent was Augusta[illegible] Lots 1 to 22 and 27 Concession 15 on January 9th 1856

There were however many settlers prior to this One of the first was William Reynolds George Lyons settled on the town line between Minto and Arthur in 1851 and he was not the first in this vicinity In 1852 the year [illegible] the very among those who came in were the Wilkins the Harrisons the Ferguson the Boyle Robert and John In 1854 there was a September a large number of settlers came in some before part in Wellington and from the neighbouring [illegible] part [illegible] Among these were Captain Robert [illegible] James Connel Alexander Ross William [illegible] Thomas [illegible] William Epworth John Fisher Angus Dobson John [illegible] Archibald Gillespie [illegible] Harrison Ross Archibald George [illegible] and Joseph Thomas Harris William Thomas and Ezra Hopper [illegible] Evan William Jackson John Jno Archibald [illegible] James and Peter Scott Thomas Lemon George McKnight Duncan McIntyre Peter McDougall Malcolm McLellan Hugh McKenzie John Mack Dougall Mitchell the Thomas Nesbitt Richard Richardson Archibald Sinclair John Taylor Thomas Thomson Neil and [illegible] Abner Valentine Samuel Wright the Wilkins as William [illegible] and John [illegible]

In [illegible] William [illegible] his family came through Waldemar [illegible] settled on [illegible] and Jno Graham Jas Graham [illegible] and James Graham [illegible] and Thompson and Joseph McNeal [illegible] George McKnight and Walter Quarrie were [illegible] the Wilkins

[illegible] as the Harrisons and the contract for cutting out and building the Owen Sound Saugeen Road and many found employment in that undertaking some of them settling on the township Among those who came [illegible] were John Livingstone William Inman William Rennie James Neil Joseph McArdle Joseph Maxwell and [illegible]

Most [illegible] of Wellington and neighbouring counties was densely wooded with [illegible] which [illegible] has mostly been cleared away [illegible] some fine original woods still remain The soil [illegible] is [illegible] sandy [illegible] loam and mixed farming prevails Good buildings and well [illegible] fields give an air of general comfort and prosperity

A few small lakes in the northeastern portion of the township are picturesque features of the landscape. Hall natad at Drew the Hastings Lakes a resort of wild ducks and Pike Lake the largest, about a mile in length a popular summer picnic and dance resort for the country around. Two rivers the Maitland and Saugeen traverse the township.

The Town of Harriston is in the centre and is the metropolis of the township. The Town of Palmerston is at the south end. The incorporated Village of Clifford is at the northwestern corner and holds its own. The Village of Drew once famous for brick making is now little but a memory the post office there having been extinguished a short time ago. Drew Station two or three miles away is on the C. P. R. Teviotdale at the southeasterly corner once boasting a hotel a store and a blacksmith shop has now only the store. Colwood once a flourishing community a few miles farther up the highway towards Southampton has only a church left to indicate its site where once were a blacksmith shop a store a pump factory and some little distance away a busy cheese factory. Melgund a country post office that derived its name from one of Lord Minto's titles has been discontinued since the advent of rural mail delivery. Fenton's Mills between Clifford and Harriston once also had a post office.

Drainage System of Minto

(By W. D. McLellan, Township Clerk)

The first proceedings were taken under the provisions of the Municipal Drainage Act in 1900 when two petitions were presented praying for drainage of certain areas in the northern portion of the Township. C. B. Wheelock Esq. D. L. S. Orangeville was appointed engineer in charge of the work.

No further work was undertaken until 1910 when another scheme was undertaken in the south eastern portion of the Township. Since that time scarcely a year has passed in which new work has not been promoted until now we have 25 drainage schemes originating in the Township and six originating in adjacent municipalities and crossing on outlet in Minto.

The plan of financing these drains has generally been by issuing debentures for the cost thereof the debentures covering periods of 10, 15 or 20 years as conditions would warrant.

The Provincial Government have provisions made for loaning money for Municipal Drainage at a rate of 5 per cent to the extent of not exceeding $40 000 to any Municipality and this has been taken advantage of until the said amount was exhausted when the debentures were sold in the open market.

The total cost of the drains to date has been $119 240 39. Of this amount $8546 14 was paid in cash and debentures issued were issued amount $8546 14 was paid in cash and debentures issued for $110 694 25. the balance. The debentures with one exception were issued at 5 per cent and have been sold at close around par. Of the principal sum of the debentures there still remains $75 672 00 unpaid and

as the debentures are all issued payable in equal annual instalments of principal and interest the principal is being gradually reduced each year

Each scheme is financed separately and individual accounts are kept of each drain. The individual assessments for each farmer assessed have to be distributed over the collector's roll each year which causes a great deal of extra work in preparing the roll.

In addition to the above schemes under the Municipal Drainage Act we have to operate under the Ditches and Watercourses Act in which the work is distributed by the engineers among the owners as in his opinion they are affected. The completion of these drains lies entirely with the farmers affected, the Council taking no part in the letting of the work or financing it.

C. D. Bowman Esq., O.L.S., was appointed Township engineer in 1906 and has had charge of all township drainage work from that time to the present.

A few of the farmers have also taken advantage of the Tile Drainage Act on which the Government loans money to farmers at 5 per cent to be repaid by the farmers repaying in annual instalments. $143,500.00 has been borrowed under this head, payable in 10 years.

Town of Harriston

(From Sketch by Joseph Moore, by A. H. Whetstone and Other Sources)

The Town of Harriston which is situated at about the centre of Minto is the capital as it were. It was named after Archibald Harriston who, and one of the first of, in 1855 and 56 and who built one of the first houses here. The first sawmill was built by George Harriston in 1856 and later it was run by John Livingstone for a time. The first gristmill on the site of the present mill was built by Joshua Harrison in 1858, employing Thomas Burr as miller. The first school teacher was named Brown. Alexander Dow opened the first store where the corning of goods from Hamilton in the winter and March he was in the summer cost $2.75 per hundred weight. In 1858 Alexander Morton erected the present grist mill. Besides the grist and sawmill there was also a blacksmith shop on that site operated by Archibald McKinnon. But some fifty years all of the good wood had to be brought from the neighboring farms and farm produce was exported by the same means. As much as fifty teams a day might be seen from one making their way to the most roads and from here. Alexander McKechnie was appointed postmaster in 1861.

Archibald Harriston was the first postmaster, he was followed by Alexander McKechnie, a store and residence for the settlement was to be built by George Hall and Wm. Brown of Peterboro, Ontario. At first the mail arrived only once a week but twice a week in July. Now we have two mails and handled daily.

The first church was the old white Knox Church building erected about 1860 on the lot where George McLennan's manse for many years had stood. Previously religious ser-

vices had been held in Malcolm Wright's hall, the schoolhouse being too small.

Dr. James Cowan was the first physician.

In 1870 the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway was completed. In 1873 Harriston was incorporated as a village with Alex. Meiklejohn as Reeve. The next year it was made a town with Mr. Meiklejohn as Mayor. He was followed by S. Robertson, J. F. Wilson, L. Brisbin, George Gray, Dr. S. M. Henry, N. Wallis, J. L. Eedy, J. Meiklejohn, R. Dowling, J. M. McKay, James Wilson, James McMurchie, Ansel Spotton, W. H. Jackson, J. Pritchard and J. H. Fawcett. R. Fred Dale, a Mount Forest boy, served seven years in succession as Reeve.

The Village of Clifford

(By Sheriff A. S. Allan, in the Centenary Number of the Guelph Mercury)

Clifford is about one mile from the point where the four counties of Wellington, Huron, Bruce and Grey unite. It is about 50 miles from Guelph and on the Elora and Saugeen Roads. This road was blazed through the forest in the year 1851 by a party of surveyors. In the year 1865 Francis Brown took up the lot where the village now stands and opened a hotel. The next year Noah Bullock settled on the adjoining land, part of which is within the village, a survey of which was made by Charles Allan of Elora, afterwards M.P., and was named Minto Village. Later when a post office was given the name was changed to Clifford. In the early days in the surrounding country there were bears, wolves, deer and lynxes.

Clifford soon became a good market and local buyers bought all sorts of produce and teamed it to Guelph, the trip to Guelph and return taking three days. Many of the settlers in the townships of Carrick and Normanby were Germans and came from the County of Waterloo. Some of the older persons did not speak English so the merchants were obliged to keep a German clerk or learn some of the language.

Clifford is the centre of a fine agricultural section and a fine trade was done, and for some years there was a monthly cattle market which many buyers from outside attended. There was an agricultural show established sixty years ago and it is still one of the best of the smaller shows in Ontario.

The earliest merchants of the village were J. H. Dolmage and McDonald and McIntyre, and later D. McEachern, F. W. Graef, John Hillhouse, J. H. Robinson, A. S. Allan and R. E. Higgar, and grain dealers E. Tuttle, W. D. Williamson and David Dixon.

The village continued to prosper and in 1873 it had a population of about 750 and was incorporated as a village. In January, 1874, the first election was held and A. S. Allan was elected Reeve and Dr. Crandall, K. M. Walton, D. McEachern and John Hillhouse were elected Councillors. As the County Council had not passed the by-law till the December session a bill had to be passed by the Legislature to confirm the election. The village at that time had a

good gristmill several general stores two tanneries three saw mills foundry woollen mill and seven hotels There is now a fine school with continuation classes

Clifford was the terminus of the G T R for one year when there was a great deal of business done but when the railroad passed a great deal of the trade passed with it

About two miles from Clifford in Minto Township and on the Townline of Normanby is the well known farm Lea Hurst occupied from 1859 to 1867 by the Rev John Smithurst cousin and lover of Florence Nightingale He had been superintendent of missions for twelve years at Port Carry Then he was six years at Elora He was a missionary of the Episcopal Church and conducted services in Clifford while he was in Minto being the first clergyman in that neighborhood During the past sixty years there have been only three Presbyterian ministers in the Clifford Church William Blain Stephen Young and James H Lemon In the Methodist Church there was a new man every two or three years Among them was Mr Savage grandfather of Dr Tom Savage of Guelph J H Harvey who died lately in Waterloo Mr Clowes a brother of Dr Thom There are four Irish churches in the village in two of which the service is conducted in the German language

Clifford has furnished several wardens to the County Council one member to the Ontario Legislature and one to the House of Commons The streets are lined with maple trees and most have cement sidewalks There is a small stream running through the village and it is one of the prettiest places in Western Ontario

Minto's Firstborn

Thomas Madigan still living at the Saugeen Reserve of Minto was the first child born in Minto He was born on Lot 26 Con 8 on March 9 1854 The late Henry C Stovel the first editor of The Confederate was born near Pike Lake on June 26th of the same year and was under the impression that he was the first white child born in the township but he was really over three months younger than Mr Madigan according to the above dates which we are satisfied are correct

List of Officials

To the present efficient Clerk of the Township of Minto Mr W D McLellan who has held that office since August 1855 we are indebted for a complete list of the Municipal representation and officials of the Township since the time of its inauguration Mr McLellan years ago compiled the list in tabular form As it does not conform very well to typographical necessities we take the liberty of changing the form reversing the offices and giving names of officers in chronological order

Reeve

Archibald Hamilton 1852 53 1861 1863 64 A Bulloch 1862 1864 1866 Joseph Harrison 1855 1860 James Connell 1867 72 John Train 1873 82 John Darroch 1883 90 Robert Grant 1891 93 Samuel Perkins 1894 95 E Richardson 1896 98 Robert Holton

1899 1900 Thomas Thomson, Jr 1901 02 John McMillan 1903 1904 John M Young 1905—06, J J Bracken, 1907- 10, W G Fleming, 1911, W C Dryden 1912- 13, W G Nicholson, 1914- 15, W B. Howes. 1916 19 Albert Fyfe 1920—21 Robert J Holtom 1922 -27

First Deputy Reeve

When he Township had One)

N Bullock 1860 61 1864 Malcolm Wright 1862 63 1865 67 Wm Boyd 1868 John Prain 1869 .2 T B. Patterson 1873 M G Miller 1874 76, M Bateman 1877 78 Robert Scott 1879 - 80 1890 John Darroch. 1881 82 Joshua Howes, 1883—87 George Fulton 1888 89, 1891, E. Aitchison 1894- 96 John Jackson. 1896, Robert Holtom, 1897 98

Second Deputy Reeve

(When the Township had One)

Robert Holtom 1892 1895 John Jackson 1894 Richard Bride, 1896, Thomas Harrison 1897 98

Councillors

M G Miller 1857 Malcolm Wright 1857 61 1864 Wm Dally 1857 58 Wm Keith 1857 58 N Bullock 1858 59 Wm. Webber 1859, Donald McEachern 1859 61 Robert Caldwell 1860 62 Wm Hughes. 1862 -2 James Connell 1862 63 M McMaster, 1863, 1866 Joseph Metcalf 1864 Arch Harrison. 1865 Thomas Lemon, 1866 70. 1873 74 Richard Heard, 1867 68 1871 72, J H Dolmage. 1869 70 M Bateman 1871 73 1875 76 James Fallis. 1872- 86 Robert Scott 1874 76 1888 89 Peter Smart 1877 78, Joshua Howes 1877 78 1881 82 D Nicholson 1879- 81 Wm Lang 1879 80 John A McLean 1882 George Fulton 1883 Samuel Peebles, 1883 1885 1890 Joseph Lavery 1886 1889 Hugh Shannon, 1888- 90 Robert Holtom 1890 91 1893, John Jackson. 1891 92 John McMillan 1892 94 1900 02 Richard Bride. 1894 95, Thomas Harrison 1895 96 1899, L. Bentley 1896 Albert Connel. 1897 1900, James Kerr 1897, John Copland. 1898 M Connolly 1899 Thos Thomson Jr 1899 1900 John M Young 1900- 04 J J Bracken 1901 08 W G Nicholson 1902 06 1909 W C Dryden 1903 05 1910 W G Fleming 1905 [illegible], Thos Manderson 1907 08 P Colquhoun 1908 John Wallace 1909 April 1915 W B Howes. 1911 1915 John A McDonald 1911 17 1922 23 Robert Mortimer 1913- 15 Albert Fyfe 1913 19 John W Wallace 1915 21 May 1924- 26, Robert J Holtom, 1916 21 D B McEachern 1916- 20, A L Patterson 1920- 25 Walter Ovens. 1921 27 Frank Harrison 1922 June 1924. 1927 Wm G Shannon 1924- 27 S E Donaldson 1925 Wm A Ross 1926 27 Thomas Murray 1926 27

Clerk

Wm Yeo. 1857 1866 H C Kaye 1867 73 A C R Saunders 1874 July 1889, W D McLellan Aug 1889 1927

Treasurer

Wm Yeo. 1857 61 John Smithurst 1862 67 Wm Taylor 1868 77 A C R Saunders, 1878 July 1889 Wm Elmslie August 1889 Sept 1915 Robert Holtom. Sept 1915 1927

Assessor

Samuel Johnston 185- Chas Keith 1857, Jos Connolly 1858 M G Miller 1859 L Chaloner, 1860—61, James Blair 1862, John Thomson 1863 Joseph Harrison 1864 Robert Caldwell, 1865, Wm Preston 1867 68 James Fulton 1869 71 N Bullock 1870, Thos Dunbar 1872 73 Thos Carscadden 1871 76 E Aitchison, 1877 82 Richard Bride 1886 91 Thomas Walker 1892 1906 Wm S Redpath 1907 1927

Collector

Wm Hughes 877 59 M G Miller 186- J Livingstone 1861 1863 69 James Blair 1862 Jas Fulton 18.0 Gilbert McLean 1870 Geo Wilson 1871 Geo Fulton 871 John Henry, 1872 82 Richard Bride 1872 78, Elliott Fulton 1879, Andrew Cairns, 1880 81 Henry Reynolds 1882 84 Jas A Henry 1883 86, Wm Reynolds 1885 86 James Aylward 1887 Ed Jackson 1887 94 Martin Wells 1888 89 James Fyfe 189- 97, Wm S Redpath, 1894 1906, A M Ferguson 1898 1909 Alex Smith 1907 15 Josiah Axtell 1916 19-

Auditors

Jos Clarke, 185- S John Brown 185- 6 James McMorran 1859 60 Alex McCreedy 1861 18.2 W P McMickey 1861 James Connell 1874 8, 1889 19- Richard Heard 1862 63 Joseph Hunter 1864 66 John Watson 1867 68 Owen G Hughes 1869 71 Thos W Bowie 1872 Richard Morrison 1873, A S Allan, 1873 Wm Elmslie 1874 Jas 1888 Joshua Howes August 1889 91 Ed Darroch 1879 82 James McGirr 1883 1887 88 John R Shuddaby 1884 86 1891 97 James A Macauley 1898 1914 James Murdoch 1900 E Aitchison 1901 1915 W G Fleming 1916 F W Lambert 1916 19 Wallace Donaldson 1919 1927

Pioneer Farmers of Minto

The following list is compiled from a map of Minto Township in an Atlas published by Walker and Miles in 187- It doubtless contains the names of most of the pioneer freeholders of the township or of their sons who remained on the farms as arranged on concession lines.

I W Wynn M Wells J Blair G Carter W Blair M Graham W A Dingo W Webber Ralph Close J Pemulon Wm Greenlaw I Farley T Boyle Alex Wilson John Brooks F Watson A Borthwick John McComb J Claridge Jas Reid W Craig R Andrew R G Bridge T McCombs F Bridge R Craig W Lawes W Fawcett W Reid J Shaw S Shaw I Corbett J Holmes R Bailes J Bailey J Scott G McKnight

I C Wells T Hayes J Barber W Zavitz M Lawless A Stewart J Johnston M Williams J Cunningham L Adams D Campbell Ann Bly M Hays R Leech J Morris P Plant J Years C Smart Widow Gregory J Shewan Widow Rose J Jackson M Mayer W Smith J Murdoch J Hay G Montgomery R S Moore A McMaster W Boyd W Quigley D Cornwell T Lee J Lee Sr I Lee J

III W Nicholson, D Nicholson, A McEachern M McEachern, D McLeod, W Nathanns, W Ross, R Bolton, T Morgan L Adams, C Campbell, A Gourlay Heirs of John Hill, E Goodwin, Widow Layburn, R Layburn E Goodwin Wm Bent, J Bent D Hicks J Chalmers, P Smart W Jackson G Jackson, R & W Lawrence, C McMasters Heirs J Baird M McMaster I Malloy A Carswell, Jas Carswell, John Carswell W Quenell J Wallace J Lee Sr F Fenwick, E Leppington M Barker

IV W Ross R Powell J McEachern H McEachern M McEachern Widow McEachern E Darroch, M Bramhill A M Leiland, J Goodwin A Gourlay J Campbell D Campbell Widow Bramhill, J Prain D Bell J Maxwell A McAllister D Bruce W White, A Campbell J Prentice D Campbell G Wilkins, J Campbell, J Cowan A McNab D McKenna D Shaw P Shaw J Thompson, J Connell H Bride R Bride J McCombs

V W Ross R Ross A McDiarmid J Christie, A McEachern, W Chambers Mrs McKenzie E Watchorn, N Darroch, J Dunsmore A Ferguson H Suddaby J Maxwell H Campbell, T McLellan J White J Cooper G Richardson J McLean A McLean L Wilkins R Wilkins, T Wilkins, W McMillan R Wilkins C Ferguson W Epps W Connell J Lavery R Fallis R Bride J Fallis, J Montgomery

VI D Sinclair J McLellan A McDougall A Davidson J Teel, W Young, D McDougall W Nell, W Morrison A Morrison, J Ferguson, W Taylor J Jackson R Jackson, T Jackson W Horrocks, J Horrocks A Wilkinson J Smith, J Fleming P Mitchell T and K Burrows, W Jewell C Rudd, Widow Worley P Kean N Smith W McGowan, W Yeo W Fallis R Watt J Ryley L Attwood A Hughey, V Ryley H Rayson A Holland, Priscilla Noble.

VII A McDougall N McLeod, R Sinclair A Johnston A Patterson, H McLeod W Williamson A Bower D McIntyre, J Christison, R McEachern C Darroch T Russell J Wright T Renton T Dawes J Reeves A Wilkinson D Smith, M Ingle, Dr Cowan L Reeves, Widow Hollis J Kean K McGowan A McMurchy J Fallis R Young S Hicks Stinson J Metcalf J Cousins

VIII A McDougall A McDiarmid, D Campbell H McDiarmid W Snell J Howard, J Britt F Britt J Ross J Carrick, J Crossbie, J Troy L Stiggins R Wilkins, J Hall E Hall, R Balance J Wilkinson D Gregory D Wilkinson, D McConniche A Howe W McMillan T Hall, F Pfeffer R Morrell J Bacon J McLeod T Funnell

IX Mr McDiarmid N McDougal J McDougal D McLeod, A McDiarmid H McLean J Madigan P Noonan T Carroll, J Troy W Troy P McLeod, J James J Livingston W Lang J Harrison A Fisher J Stewart, J Wilkinson H Wilkinson W Epporth, D McConniche, H Currie E Erwin T Lemon A Shaw J Bacon W McFarlane, J Henry G Livergood G P Brodigan.

X—D McLean J McLeod J Turner A Brown, T Lemon A Douglas, J Haight W Scott W Nolan D Peebles, T Lemon J

Lang W Lang W Low Prebles S Lang S J Lang W Stock, W Roberts W Richardson W Rutherford Clegg Mrs Wilkin T Thomson G Mortimer R Leaton T Dunbar A Lynn J P Wilson W Richard

XI Widow McDonald T McGuire T Carte E Page W Page J Davidson W Callacher P McCarty D McCarty M Nolan D Kelly G Hewson T Lemon H Reed F Reynolds J Lang E Hitchcock P Donnaghe T Dickens T Thomson F Maitland W Neigel G Redpath W Young J McKenzie D McKenzie

XII J Page John Scott J Burke J Moffat M Shannahan M Murphy J Hardigan J Hall R Shannahan J White G Broughton E McLean H McLean J Connolly A Gordon W Carmichan J Morrison D Gibson W Scott Sr R and W Scott G Jackson H Reynolds R Wrinch M Wright J Elder

XIII C Burke M Sawyer M Lemon Garrett Hastings George Hastings J Shannon T O'Dwyer W Miller J Pike A Gordon D McCrae J Gordon Bain W Cairns W Marshall S Hepburn W Jackson A McEwan N Dewar

XIV W Scott J Lee H Roberts T Anderson A Long T Ryan W Reynolds M Reynolds Thos Moore E Downing J Bell S Blakesman A McEachran D Douglas W Henderson J Connolly W Burns J Henry E Howse A Axtell I Reading W Kerr T Glynn J Mineur R Hoey J Hoey Jane Dunn

XV W Craig A Hare D Stone J Johnston M Fitzgerald J Johnston H Shannon H Partridge H R Styles Mr Robinson E L Dunker A Seaport A Vos Mr Robertson G McLean W Davidson Wm Thomson C G Cox A Gordon Mr McDarcy

XVI R F C G Bell J M Millan T Caseday P S Gibson G W Grant J Nixon T Grose T Donaldson H Hetherington J Cox B Kennedy G Shann J Gill A Beamish A Beamish R Colquhoun G Bell W Holland J Chapman

XVII A Bell J Long R Bell J Crow J Bell J Wethem P S Gibson T Hart W Caldwell P Donaldson J Benton J Bishop W Thomson F Brown S Strachan W Smith H Lang Jas W Bowman A Wardle W Turner R Caswell A Taylor J Bradley T Daily J Crandell P Hagle G Scheffley G Hulbert J McLaghan M Grattan A Gable

XVIII G Crow T Crow W Scott Hannah Morrison G Small I Small S Campbell R Cochrane I Cochrane W Burnett A Beattie J Aberdeen J Armstrong J Benning W McCauley G Carney Mr Piper J McBride D McKechnie J Price G Newton Dr Carnegie

Con A Reid W Hendrigh H Turner M Carraher W Mc I P Nickel J Campbell W Lambert A Cooper T Burke A Brewer W Cowan A Brown G Evans G McEwan N McLean A McAdam J McDermid G McDermid J McMullen W Smith G Armour

Con C W Cranmer R Biggar N Bulloch (Hillcrest) F Brown I Tuck J Harris S Sage R Hilton G Tuck J Grant W Marshall

W Emsley Z Jones T Townsend, Fulton Bros (M.H) T Glen, R Young W Kerr Mr Raspberry W Dryden W Dally, J Starks. L Dunham W Carter J Aylward J Livingston T Grills J McGirr, J Moore (Harriston) J Moore J Livingston I Wright. W Arnold John McCorquodale J Young J Bolton T Simpson M Bateman M Ferguson A Ferguson, J Carmichan M McLennan, D Gillespie A Gillespie J Gillespie A Morrison D M Connell J McConnell A Patterson W Hughes J Smith Orrawood J Darroch R Reid A Douglas J Daw H Charters A Scott W Boyd J Culver M G Miller (Teviotdale)

Con D—Clifford T Halliday J Ward J McJannet H Eagleham S Hoey W Marshal, J Askell, J Fulton, W Kerr R Lamb. R Kerr R Arbuckle A Fremantha. J McCulloch J Brown L Dunham. H Hall G Hughes J Dickson J Brown (Harriston) T Wedge H B Gordon A S Cunningham. R Ballentyne T Carscadden, J Ross. J Linton T Simpson R Wilson J Gilbert G Hughes R Fyfe D Ferguson P Grossman W Clark A Gillespie P Fyfe T Hayes W Owens C Hughes T Hughes W Bolton R Bolton W Anderson G Wood H Darroch W Douglas, Wm Charters G Douglas M Miller W Webber T McConnell (Teviotdale)

TOWNSHIP OF WEST LUTHER

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The township of Luther was at first only one township and surveyed by Lewis Burwell after whom the Burwell Line is named as early as 1831 He ran the boundaries of the township and a few of the concessions and sidelines

In 1854 1855 a re-survey was made by George McPhillips P L S and all the sidelines and concessions were run Mr McPhillips also surveyed Melancthon He it is said thought they were the two worst townships that he had surveyed and being a Roman Catholic he named them after Martin Luther and Philip Melancthon whom he thought were the two most disreputable men in history Time however has vindicated the townships and the memories of the two leaders of the Protestant Reformation suffer no detraction from the association

Luther was at first only one township was 9 miles square and comprised including roadways some 92,160 acres Until 1866 its progress was very slow and it was known as a wilderness to Arthur Township for municipal purposes In The Keldon Folk is stated that the first settler was a man afterwards known as Dr McPherson who lectured near where Grand Valley now is in 1834 and built the first shanty which was constructed entirely without nails The

roof of clapboards and the doors were fastened with wooden pins driven into holes bored with an auger. He was closely followed by John Locke and John Furze then by Richard Joyce who built a tavern or "blind pig" on or near the side of the Soldiers' Memorial at Grand Valley which was for many years known as Joyce's Corners. [illegible] In 1875 Maurice Stuckey, Archie Martin, John Wyndham, [illegible] were all settled and were closely followed by many others.

For [illegible] when the township opened was that of an unbroken wilderness with poor swamp and marsh. Owing to the prevalence of summer frosts and reference to the township as "Frozen Luther" settlement was rather slow and as late as 1896 many farms were still vacant and unimproved. The last severe frost is said to have occurred in 1893.

Surveyor [illegible] is remembered or discounted with the remark that there was a creek on the 4th concession which was the only dry spot [illegible] if you ran thirty yards off that land and then took a long jump you could feel it "when" swamp quiver under you. Reference is to a corduroy road made of the marsh that comprised a considerable area of the swamp but which, for lack of extensive drainage, has been greatly improved perhaps not to the advantage of the fishes down in the Luther River. There is peat in that area more extensively developed.

The prospects [illegible] were the first to be staging. In some years when [illegible] work would be destroyed in one night. As the land was cleared [illegible] and has nearly disappeared. During the [illegible] to the early seventies Luke Price Locke and [illegible] made the [illegible] of the bark which, leaving the timber on the [illegible] could be easily [illegible] for years of service.

Among the [illegible] were Duncan Saunders, Thomas Patterson, Alfred Parham, Robert Henderson, Frank Tone, Joseph Thomas, Jr., [illegible] Graham, Thomas Hales, Wm. Segsworth, Wm. H. Smith, James Cook, [illegible] Murray, Alexander, James and Anthony Murray, Isaac Nott, John, Silas, Stephen Redding, Harry Carter, Wm. Wood, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Jackson, Wm. Hall, John Shaw, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Wm. Jackson, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Wm. Day, James McKay, Wm. McDonald, [illegible], Wm. Johnston, T. Perry, Wm. Alexander, Wm. Dunbar, Robert Wood, [illegible], [illegible], Samuel McMahon, Williams, [illegible], Asa Hall, [illegible].

[illegible] when [illegible] Railway was [illegible] a little village [illegible] Grand Valley. Most [illegible] Southern. The [illegible] of the Wellington [illegible] was also an advantage. But [illegible] were [illegible] feet [illegible] up of distance from [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] that [illegible] was [illegible] of the locality. Previous

in the fire the roads were little better than blazed trails following the higher lands Later improvements began and led to dissatisfaction that resulted in the division of the township into East and West Luther

In the early days lots 16 to 20 through the entire length of the township were marsh which divided the township into nearly equal halves and in 1879 only one concession road was opened across the marsh between these two parts

The Grand River runs through East Luther necessitating quite a number of bridges while in the west there are no streams of any size but the people needed roads For a long time the residents on the east side were able to get a majority in the Council and not having too much money at the best most of what they had was spent there to the great dissatisfaction of the people of the west side

In 1879 the west side managed to elect a majority of the Council and a bill was prepared and passed by the Ontario Legislature and took effect on the 1st of January 1881 Thus there were two townships of East and West Luther Two years after East Luther was taken from Wellington and placed in the newly formed County of Dufferin

When West Luther became a separate municipality in 1881 there were only two brick and two stone houses in the township The two former were occupied by Mr White and Charles Drury the two latter by Samuel Jackson and Wm Hollis Edmund Fitzpatrick owned the first bank barn built in 1879

Damascus the capital of the township is situated near the centre About a mile from it is the ghost post in the township Council meetings are held in the Township Hall there built in 1885

The village of Conn at first Evansville is at the northwest corner of the township and is partly in three other townships Proton Egremont and Arthur For many years it was the centre of a flourishing cheese industry A cheese factory was also built in 1885 on Lot 1 Con 4 by a joint stock company of farmers Mr J W Robertson who has had a thrilling theatrical career ran it for the first year

To go back to 1860 the Township of Luther was disassociated from Arthur and made a separate municipality The first Council elected was Duncan Saunders Frederick Hood George Todd Samuel Graham and Peter Harson George Todd was appointed Reeve by vote of the Council Hugh McKeough was appointed Clerk and Treasurer and James Isles Assessor for the west side and Alex Drayton for the east side In the same year a post office was established in Damascus

The Council of 1879 was Peter Hansen Reeve Joseph Gilray Deputy Reeve Alfred Nunn John Park and James Monrath Councillors

The first Council of West Luther in 1881 was James McElhan Reeve Alfred Nunn Deputy Reeve Thomas Carlow Edward Sherritt and William Nesworth Councillors

In 1897 John McNab was one of the County Commissioners for Division No. 6 and was Warden of the County.

Drainage System

An important feature of West Luther is its municipal drainage. There are 41 Municipal Drains constructed in the township to date and a large majority of the 60 miles that were made have been reconstructed, making them deeper and wider and in some cases much longer, taking in a greater area of land. For the past few years the ratepayers have been paying about $1,500.00 yearly for municipal drainage. There are also about a dozen drains constructed under the Ditches and Watercourses Act, which have been paid by the parties interested.

There are eleven school sections in the Township, two on each concession road.

The area of West Luther is approximately 49,500 acres. It is 12 miles long by 6¾ miles wide.

Municipal Officers

From statistics kindly compiled by Mr. W. W. Dineen, the officers holding Clerk

Reeves

George Tew[illegible] 1869; Isaac Saunders, 1862, 1869; Peter Hamilton, 1870-71, 1879; William Dawson, 1872, 1876; James McLellan, 1877-78, 1880-81; Robert Murdoch, 1882-83; John McNab, 1884, 1889-96; Francis T. Coleman, 1885-86; Joseph Quay, 1887-88; Albert Dent, 1897; Edward Boyd, 1898, 1906-1913, 1916-19; (Warden, 1915); Andrew Lennox, 1899-1902; Alexander Howes, 1903; Michael Heffernan, 1904; William McGuire, 1905; John Dyer, 1907; John Coutts, 1909-10, 1920-25; Warren [illegible], 1922; Jacob Pringle, 1911-12; Fred Shaw, 1914, 1926-27; James McQueen, 1918-20.

County Commissioners from West Luther

[illegible] Alex[illegible] 1897; [illegible]; Warden, 1901; [illegible] Grey, 1901; Warden, 1905; Guelph Jail, Jailer, 1897-1908; Michael Heffernan, 1912-1915, 1918.

On page 42 are [illegible] were [illegible] West Luther [illegible] 1905-6.

Deputy Reeves

[illegible] Hansen, 1873-74; James Tillman, 1876; [illegible] Lennox, 1877-78, 1879; Joseph [illegible], 1880; 1884; [illegible], 1881; William Stewart, 1882; [illegible], 1883; Robert McIntosh, 1885; James Park, 1886-87; John T. Perry, 1888; Albert Dent, 1895; Edward Boyd, 1897; [illegible] Albert, 1898.

Councillors

[illegible] 1860-1871; Frederick Hess, 1860-1; Samuel Graham, 1861-72; Peter [illegible], 1860, 1869-1872; Samuel Fleming, 1861-62, 1866, 1869-72, 1885; William [illegible], 1861, 1863; Michael [illegible], 1862, 1864-1870; Richard King, 1867; Samuel Stickley, 1867; [illegible] Alex. Moir, 1861-62; Charles Marvin, 1866; William Stewart, 1867-1870, 1882, 1872-75; Edward [illegible], 1868, 1879-72.

Joseph Gourlay 1863 71 1883 Wm McPherson 1871 W. iam Lox ton 1872 76 W l am Smellzer 1873 4, Charles Gilder 1875 Will am H Smith 1875 6 James Monaghan 1876 80 John Park 1877 - 8 , Alfred Nunn 1877 80 Thomas Carlow 1881 Edward Skerritt 188 83 1886 7 89 Walter Turner 1882 84 94 95 John McNab 1882 Henry Carlow 883 W. am Duncan 1884 88 Newton Bu k nell 1884 88 A x Graham 1888 9 John T Perry 1889 93 Edward Boyd 1892 9 911 12 1926 27, Arthur Dunn 1894 5 John Evans 1896 98 Michael Heffernan 1896 1920 23 George Winkie 1896 7 1899 1 1 19 3 James Ramsay 1897 8 1900 03 Thomas McNamara 1898 1902 Augustus H wes 1899 02 James Corbett 1902 02 William Scrymgeour 1903 04 John Drury 1904 06 David Alexander 1904 5 Peter Kohler 1904 Edward Ford 1905 7 Al x H wes 1905 07 8 John Curtis 1906 8, 1917 19 John Gear 1906 1908 1 Frederick Shaw 1907 10 1913 15 1922 1923 25, R bert Briggs 1908 1 ram Quinlan 1909 Benson Foote 1910 6 James Adams 1911 1913 14 W am Sanderson 1912 Michael Mannon 1912 19 5 18 John Laverty 1916 Anthony Dev lin 1918 1926 2 James McQueen 1926 27 Harold Samuel 1927 Roy Warner 1928 2 Peter Gourlay 1929 Ernest Brewelling 1929 George Berry 192 30 James Fairbairn 1921 22 David Murray 1923 26 Geo H Turner 1924 26 William Greer 1927

Clerks

Hugh M Dougall 1861 James Innes 1862 70 Philip Purcell 1871 Neil McArthur 1872 6 William Osborne 1877 78 George F Newton 1878 80 James McGhan 1881 88 William Dunbar 1889 July 1909 W W Sinclair July 1909 1911

Treasurers

Hugh McMichael 1861 Richard H Cole 1862 6 Robert Henderson 1868 71 1886 88 Samuel Stickley 1872 74 1876 1878 1880 Robert Murdoch 1881 9 Edward Boyd 1900 03 George Finlay 1908 9 and 1910 11 2

Assessors

James Innes 1861 Alex Strachan for ens nde 1861 James Graham E st 1861 W am Fitzpatrick whole township 1862 3 R H Cole w s 1864 66 868 1872 whole township 1867 1871 Hugh McDougall H ron 1864 66 Alex Cricht n E st 1865 Wm Innes w s 1867 8 1873 8 Alex Strachan 1868 1870 E st 1871 3 Thomas Gordon E st 1873 Alex Nunn w s 1874 Adam Watson whole township 1876 Hugh McDougall w s 1878 James Law 1889 94 1897 98 Alexander Imrie 1895 96 Arthur Dunn 1899 1904 5 1906 Alex Trenwith 1907 Henry Turner 1908 12 Geo W Stephenson 1913 1921 2 Joseph Kelly 1

Land Owners in 1877

For the Acts of Wards and Mills

Adams R S Gurd R Potter W Bern C Haley M Sanders L Freeman C Farrell J Isles H Scarrow M Fraser T Berry

A Berry M Fraser T Carlow W Carlow J White J Harcourt W Rennie J Kelly W Renn[illegible] A Densmore W J Densmore M Jordan

Concession II C Green N Bickerdike A White R Graham N Bickness (Betsdorville Village) W Hallen J Conlon G Coe C Downs G Irwin S [illegible] J Shortbell C Drury W Cox W Mc Waters G [illegible] Leslie F Jefferson L McBeth J Yager D Mc Beth A [illegible] J Newsom

Concession III R Linger A Murray G Mays I Cann J Clark D Calloway G Calloway R Frier J [illegible] S Downs A Curtis R Campbell T Patterson J [illegible] G Oxley J Penn J Soper R Thompson W Campbell [illegible] W Cox W McKenny J Kenny J Newsom J [illegible]

Concession IV J Cox R McGregor Anthony Murray S Jackson W [illegible] J Clark G [illegible] J Colmel R Casement G Moore D [illegible] F H [illegible] Gilder T McNamara J Church J Fleming [illegible] J Walsh J McCarty R Jackson J Jackson John Jackson W Jackson L Sweet J Bullard R Cudney R Stephenson J Ferris L Pepper R Peck

Concession V [illegible] J Graham J Robson R H Coyle R Coyle W Ha[illegible] M Graham T Duke T Curtis [illegible] Boyle Mrs Mc Gee T Raffo [illegible] McGivern J Kells Mrs McCreary J Dupe M [illegible] T [illegible] Shaw A Benham W Jopes James on T Fowler

Concession VI J Cameron [illegible] McKinnon S [illegible] F Fitzpatrick W [illegible] [illegible] Crosshead J Mulligan J Mason J Brennen [illegible] [illegible] M Mason [illegible] Malone Mr Cowan T [illegible] Fitzpatrick [illegible] T [illegible] [illegible] John Day A Nevin [illegible] Hesson W [illegible]

Concession VII J Somerset R [illegible] W J Page W J Wells W Wells J McCool [illegible] Rooney T Hayes T Ryan W Hicks J [illegible] Reader [illegible] Hagar J Tra[illegible] Wilcox Fitzpatrick R Henderson W Ab[illegible] W Tr[illegible] [illegible] Somerset W Somerset W Day T Jones

Concession VIII [illegible] Meredith J Hemmel W Byers A Watson [illegible] [illegible] Watson [illegible] Cook [illegible] Cook J [illegible] Graham T Graham S[illegible] M[illegible] R [illegible] Hopkins J Ruth M Smith J [illegible] W Turner

Concession IX S[illegible] Mrs McIntosh [illegible] McDonell G Lewis J Wilkinson T [illegible] J [illegible] T [illegible] McKinney J [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Harris D Hume W [illegible] W [illegible] [illegible] A [illegible]

Concession X [illegible] D McEachen A [illegible] [illegible] R [illegible] [illegible] W H Sm[illegible] J R[illegible] Smith W[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] F McNeely J Nixon [illegible] [illegible] F Hess J McHaffie [illegible]

Concession XI [illegible] A [illegible] H [illegible] J [illegible] [illegible] W [illegible] J Day [illegible]

Concession XII J Perry M [illegible] J Alexander [illegible] [illegible] J Jackson [illegible] F Gamble

Concession XIII J Nelson, J Golightly, J Donaldson, J Bradshaw J & Hiram Perry, G McCulloch R Dales W & G Duncan, Mrs Greer T A [illegible] W Arnott, J and J Arner, R and J Wilson W Grayson D Herriot S. Stuckley

Concession XIV John and James Evans, G Mills, S Gamble, J McLuhan J McAllister [illegible] Morse J Cooper D Herriot J Hunter, R Alexander (Egerton) A and [illegible] Hunter [illegible] Davidson J Marlow W Sh[illegible] F Kelly W K[illegible]n J [illegible]tts W E Cornell.

TOWNSHIP OF PROTON

Proton is about the same distance from Mount Forest as West Luther and for a large portion of the western section of both townships it is the market town

Proton [illegible] in the southeastern portion of the County of Grey [illegible] bounded on the north by Arthurnesia, on the south by Luther on the east by Melancthon and on the west by Egremont Its extent is given as 50,715 acres [illegible] of which almost square in shape but there are irregularities about the south eastern corner [illegible] was surveyed in 1851 by David Thomson Prior to that date there were but few squatters, but settlers soon [illegible]t with the survey and by the census of 1861 the population was given as 44

Among the first to locate in the township were John M Howell who came in 1849 and settled on lot 1 Con 21 Elias B Grey came in during the same year and was followed by the Lindsow Morrow, Traynor and McArthur families and Dr George Rutherford Samuel Fleming James Rose [illegible] F W Megray and others before 855

Proton [illegible] of the four townships forming the Height of Land of Western Ontario the other three being Melancthon Luther and Amaranth Proton and Melancthon in particular are [illegible] the sources of the Grand Main [illegible] Saugeen and Nottawasaga rivers flowing in [illegible] different [illegible]ion Much of the land is that and swampy and [illegible] was slow settlement and clearing [illegible] Many there have come [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] to reside from the [illegible] which were [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] ewarded and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the township both [illegible] prosperity being [illegible] comfortable and [illegible] dwellings A drive through the township in summer will surely give any [illegible] person a favorable impression

The word Proton is Greek [illegible] first above all When [illegible] of the present [illegible] [illegible] for some person by the one who bestowed the name or because of its lofty situation some 1700 feet above the sea [illegible] all [illegible]

The village of Hopeville is near the centre of the township and the Township Council [illegible] [illegible] about 15

miles from Mount Forest, the nearest large Market Town Dundalk near the northeastern corner, on the C P R has also a good market Cedarville near the Egremont border and Conn at the south west corner, have good stores. A portion of the southeast part does its marketing at Shelburne and Grand Valley Since the advent of the motor car and the making of better roads the position of the rural population has greatly improved As to roads there is still much to be desired

For several years after passing the Municipal Act Proton was unorganized as a separate township but was united with Melancthon for municipal purposes up to and during 1857 The following year it became a separate township with Thomas McKee as the first Reeve

The following information is taken from W Wye Smith's valuable history published about 1865

Census Reports. 1861 Occupiers of lands 252 holding under 20 acres each 1 holding 20 to 50 acres each 18, holding 50 to 100 acres each 170 from 100 to 200 each 52 over 200 each 11 Fall Wheat raised none Spring Wheat 15 805 bushels Barley 852 bushels Pease 3 660 bushels Oats 9 178 bushels Potatoes 14 266 bushels Turnips 94 183 bushels Grass Seed 53 bushels, Hay 263 bushels, Maple Syrup 4 609 lbs Wool 919 lbs Butter 16 978 lbs Cheese 527 lbs Pork 120 barrels.

Municipal Officers Reeve Robert Montgomery Dundalk P O Councillors P Ryan D McMillan W McDonald J W Armstrong Clerk and Treasurer John Vert Cedarville P O

Masons names John McDowell Timothy O'Callaghan John W Armstrong Wm McDonald John Vert Duncan McMillan

Schools S S No 1 Donald McAuley Teacher House log Average attendance for 1864 25 No Maps

S S No 2 James Anstey Teacher No Maps House log Average attendance for 1864 about 20

S S No 3 Not Organized

S S No 4 John R Vert Teacher House log Average attendance for 1864 about 20

S S No 5 Not Organized.

R C Separate S S No 6 Miss Doyle Teacher House log No Maps No Reno

S S No 7 Peter Dow Teacher House log No Maps Average attendance for 1864 about 25

S S No 8 Robert Agnew Teacher House log No Maps Average attendance for 1864 about 1

S S No 9 Wm Kenzie Teacher (1864) Horse log No Maps Average attendance for 1864 about

Post Offices Normanby and Cedarville (Proton P O is in Artemesia)

Churches There is Wesleyan Methodist frame chapel on the Township Line between Proton and Artemesia and a Roman Catholic

log church in Proton. Religious services are held in some of the school houses.

Note. The following list contains the names of all male residents of 21 years of age and upward. We have not attempted to distinguish Freeholders from Householders, for in a township where there is so much unpatented land many put down as Householders have more valuable interest in lands than those marked Freeholders. The Old Survey is in N. E. part of the township and comprises the first Concessions or Ranges parallel to the Toronto and Sydenham Road. The New Survey comprises all the rest of the township. Concessions I to XIX inclusive. The Concessions numbered from the South and the Lots from the West.

Old Survey

Agnew John, Armstrong Frederick, Armstrong John Wesley, Armstrong Henry, Anderson Wm, Allen John, Albeck James C., Bowler Wm, Bunup Edward, Bell Isaac, Bruce Arch, Foster Thomas, Fotheringham Chas, Ferris David, Greave John, Goodfellow James, Heaney Frederick, Hall Robert, Howes Wm, Irwin Christopher, Johnson Henry, Ludlow Richard, Lockhart Wm, Lockhart Robt, Large Johnson, Large John, Edward Large, Robert Large, John Mitchell, Henry Maynard, James Marshall, Hebert Montgomery, Andrew McAuley, Adam McAuley, Neil McAuley, Angus McAuley, Kenneth McAuley, Norman McDowell, John McQuay, Wm McQuay, Thos McElcary, Angus McMillan, John Nolan, Edward Nixon, Jas Potter, Job Pearson, Jas Rosebrough, Sylvester Stewart, Andrew Scott, John Sheam, Wm Sweezey, Theophilus Trout, Wm

New Survey

Albert [illegible], Anderson James, Anderson John, Agnew John, Abbott Wm, Armstrong Wm, Boyd Robert, Bell Wesley, Boys Wm, Burke James, Bailey Nicholas, Burke John, Burke Patrick, Bell John, Beckett Henry, Bell Donald, Bruce James, Brown John, Beaton John, Batchelor Samuel, Black [illegible], Cameron Thos, Cranson Joseph, Cranson Thomas, Carlow James, [illegible] John, Cosgrove Michael, Cranmer Timothy, Coughlan [illegible], Cranmer [illegible], Cook John, [illegible], Thomas [illegible], John [illegible], Thomas [illegible], Clark [illegible], Dow Peter, [illegible], Henry [illegible], Douglas John, [illegible], Dow Wm, [illegible], Thomas, Wm, James, Edgerton Wm, Fraser [illegible], John, Thomas, Peter, John, Fotheringham [illegible], Ferris Peter, Ferris Peter, Fellarton [illegible], Fellarton [illegible], Ferguson John, Ferguson [illegible], Ferguson John, Ferguson Alex, Ferris John, Ferris Robert, Flood Patrick, Farmens Thomas, Fraser Alex, Gillespie Robert, Gillespie John, Gorman John, Gillen

Alex Gibbs Allan Hgar John Heckman Michael Hodgskinson Wm Hannan Samuel Hannan Henry Hare Michael Hethering on John Hogan Hugh Jack Peter Jack James Jack Wm Jackson David Johnson George Johnson Thomas Johnson Ker oy Kelly Michael Kelly James Kelly [illegible] Knox Wm Knox Wm Lowes [illegible] Lowes Robert Lowes James Lowthian Bart Little Wm [illegible] [illegible] Calan McLaren Morrow Duncan Mon row John Morrow Robert Moore Nathan Murphy Thomas Murphy James Morrow [illegible] Wm Mills Wm Mil ner Johnson Morrow Hugh Montgomery [illegible] McMahon Thos [illegible] [illegible] McLaughlin [illegible] Mc Kechnie Malcom Morrow [illegible] Norman Michael Nichol Jas O'Loughlan [illegible] O'Shean Maurice O'Donnell Michael O'Don nell James [illegible] [illegible] Patrick Ogilvie A W Phean Michael [illegible] John Patton Robt Patton Hugh Pride David Parker Wm Pollard George Powers Russell Paisley Robert Pa[illegible] Thomas Quat Arthur Quinn Robert Ready Michael Ra[illegible] Samuel [illegible] Jet Rogers Wm T Rogers John Ryan Wm [illegible] Patrick Ivan Mann [illegible] Alex Reynolds Samuel Ro[illegible] Ivan [illegible] Robertson James Robertson John [illegible] [illegible] Stephens [illegible] Stephens Wm Shea Michael Smith James Sm[illegible] Shaw M Face Sturrock Da vid Storrock [illegible] Smith John Stewart Robert Stewart Ar gus Stokes Samuel Wakefield James Wright James Wright [illegible] Wilkes Aaron Walker Peter Wells John

Morrison Church, Cedarville
A Pioneer Minister

[illegible] April 17 1877

[illegible] Presbyterian [illegible] Preston one [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] great pioneer minister [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] aggregate as with great zeal and success [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] people [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Dundalk then on an Orange Hall west of the present Dundalk, called then the Fraser Settlement, now Ventry, on the 14th concession, now Egremont, then six miles south of Cedarville, as also at other places in between here and there, wherever he could be of service.

During one of the freshets he for the first time was in a dilemma. When coming to what he called Gillies bridge over the Maitland River [5th concession], he found the water running very high at the ends of the bridge. How was he to get over dry, having on rather light clothes and a white coat? One of the residents happening to come on the scene said: "Now I am just rigged out for the water, so just get on my back and I'll land you on the other side." Which proposal was accepted and carried out. Mr. Morrison said: "I cannot adequately pay you for your service, but here is a somewhat dry place, let us bend our knees together and I will send up my request to the King of kings for your reward." The gentleman who did this is now a Presbyterian minister and is still living, the Rev. Gilbert Smith, now in Michigan, but formerly of Glengarry.

Mr. Morrison continued to keep his various appointments and made a fair path on the surveyors blaze. Many times starting out in the morning, we would be completely lost in the bush for nearly the whole day. When Knox College opened in the fall he returned to his studies. His first farewell of Proton Head was taken in an old log building. He preached from Acts 20:25, earnestly pressing with the people to wait on the means of grace with full assurance of the blessings promised.

The Rev. Duncan Lawson followed me in the field for a short time. Next came the late Rev. James Robertson, who, compared with Lawson, until he too returned to the field. Next came a student who made his way to the front, one of the old-fashioned kind. Tired with Lawson's and Robertson's complaints of the terrible roads and hardships and seeing what he would have to endure, he found fault with the Presbytery for sending him to such a field. The elder listened until he was done with what he had to say and answered: "The Presbytery knew what you were said, but we can't change matters to suit you or make things smooth, so when you feel rested try and get out of this place, for I presume to judge that you are not prepared for the labors required in this field." Needless to say the exemplary behavior received nearly crushed him, and the [illegible] after he rested and, after a [illegible]

After a time things were better settled until finally people were gathered together to talk matters over. They [illegible] ask Presbytery to get the first missionary to resume his labors amongst them and be their permanent pastor.

In the meantime Mr. Morrison had worked successfully in other fields. In Arthur township during a whole summer he labored with such enthusiasm and adaptability that a church was erected on the Owen Sound Road where the Rev. Mr. Matheson later was pastor.

preaching in Gaelic and English. Coming to the end of his college course he was licensed to preach as probationer. The Presbytery of Durham now Saugeen acceded to the request of his first parishioners. He was ordained as a missionary and later he was ordained as their pastor on Jan. 6th 1846. Delegates of Presbytery were appointed to meet a Synod. The late Rev. John McMillan was the moderator. Each of the appointed by was equal to the occasion as Mr. McLeish was a [illegible] Durham Presbyterian minister and member of the Presbytery of Durham.

There was [illegible] a few [illegible] things in Ireland. He could marry and sign [illegible] those who [illegible] and were eligible.

He had [illegible] travelled on [illegible] Seeing he must secure a horse he [illegible] one day about 1849 while riding three miles or more west of Holstein [illegible] that season the ordinary roads were so rough the ways being very muddy [illegible] together his horse's leg went down [illegible] and was [illegible] setting off the [illegible] assistance [illegible] had to be shot.

[illegible] was a [illegible] for [illegible] those who [illegible] the river when [illegible] was very much swollen and the [illegible] dare would [illegible] away. He would take [illegible] and swim the stream after [illegible] was [illegible] a couple more [illegible] If he failed to get the horse [illegible] the next he would get someone to take the horse back home. [illegible] has selected more particularly to visit [illegible] and [illegible] A [illegible] the stations he preached [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible].

There was [illegible] in which [illegible] New York is a church Fraser built [illegible] and [illegible] The old [illegible] church was [illegible] for [illegible] number of years was here. [illegible] which [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

sick family we left for home some eight miles away about 9 o'clock. Though the family pleaded and insisted that we should not go that night as the wolves were exceptionally bad and howling, he would not be kept back having an engagement next day and we set out. After a time we got on a long swamp when the horse refused to go on and one huge wolf was seen standing by the side of the road alone. As soon as we succeeded in getting past it the wolf gave one cry or two and the whole swamp seemed to be one moving mass. We seemed now at their mercy, we good miles from any house. It was an unpleasant position. Mr. Morrison kept the middle and I the gallop while keeping a watch from behind. We got to a house with some difficulty a pack was not more than the length of a horse and sleigh behind. Those whom we left behind at the home of sickness were greatly troubled and as soon as it was early morning we were down there and found all was safe. It was not an uncommon thing in the summer to have to wait on the road until the bear and its cubs were out of the way. This happened me and more than once during the last two on Sabbath morning.

Mr. Morrison was struck by lightning on Monday, July 1st, 1890. He was standing in his barn when the lightning struck the house. One horse was also struck but recovered. Two cows were killed. The house was considerably damaged. Mr. Morrison related the incident to me twice the same day. Mr. Morrison was a regular and useful member of Knox Presbytery at the time of his death, which occurred on Thursday, January 8, 1891. The funeral took place to Mount Forest cemetery and was largely attended by Presbytery in Western Ontario.

Rev. John Hogg, one of the earliest of the settlers of the township of Normanby, in his address, spoke a few words in memory of Mr. Morrison as an elegant tribute to the pioneer. He said he had been associated with Mr. Morrison for 26 years and had always found him in the late pastor not an eloquent speaker perhaps but a man of [illegible] level of strong character who lived a life of faith in God.

Notes on Proton

The [illegible] was written by [illegible] Wilson and published in The Confederate in the autumn of 1917. Mrs. Wilson's daughter, Mrs. [illegible] was the wife of Alexander McDonald, [illegible] for many years. Mrs. Wilson was a pioneer [illegible] that she interviewed. She [illegible] and [illegible] than a beginning [illegible].

[illegible] Proton are getting [illegible] number I thought [illegible] some of [illegible] may be necessary [illegible] interest me as I am [illegible] for the census.

The township is naturally [illegible] mostly divided by the Saugeen River which rises on the north west [illegible] the Height of Land

and was for some time erroneously called the Maitland River. The Maitland River was farther to the north and east and flowed generally in a northwesterly direction while the Saugeen flows in a southwesterly direction through Mount Forest.

The Grey Hills [illegible] on the eastern side of this water shed [illegible] highest point [illegible] is given by [illegible] as 1,722 feet above [illegible] the highest point [illegible] can be seen the grandest view [illegible] the Orient.

In June or July [illegible] The settlers were settled south of the Saugeen [illegible] of Scots who settled on the 6th and 7th Concession known as [illegible] Bay. [illegible] were mostly Highlanders from Islay Argyleshire Scotland. These with a few of Menzies from Perthshire [illegible] a number of McDonalds from Kintyre took up all the land east and north of Arkwright as far east as the 12th side road on the 6th Concession. These came by way of Toronto and Hamilton. [illegible] who came in 1855-56 came [illegible] Guelph by train then by stage to Durham. [illegible] were [illegible] worked from Durham to the 19th [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] purchased on their arrival and [illegible] were [illegible] by her side. On the 2nd Concession [illegible] Norval [illegible] Presbyterian [illegible] Methodist [illegible] Lutheran [illegible].

[illegible] were [illegible] of Lowry [illegible] Allan [illegible] Thompson [illegible] and two [illegible] Jones [illegible] Keeping [illegible] Reeves [illegible] Davis [illegible] Smith [illegible] Holmestead.

A [illegible] of the [illegible] of [illegible] between [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Thomas [illegible] the [illegible] place.

[illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] Wilson settled [illegible] [illegible] left [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

the vain ones as mosquito bridge Up to this time it was all waste land from Mr Alex MacPherson's lot 6 concession 7 to Mr Alex Gillies lot 14 on the same concession

There are eight bridges from the 7th to the 17th sideroad inclusive Three of these are on the 7th 12th and 13th sideroads the rest being on the concessions so that part of the country is well watered Many far from appreciating what in many countries would be a great blessing bewail the money spent on bridges every year The expense will be great until the wood bridges are all replaced by cement ones

Cedarville one of the first two post offices founded by two rivals Mr Thos Rogers who took up the land on the west side of the village and who kept the first post office and a man of the name of MacDonald who took up the land east of the village or of what is locally known as McDonald St These two families had each their ideals The McDonalds regarded the liquid known by them as the "water of life" as the great essential

Mr Rogers was a good north of Ireland Presbyterian got a post office built a grist mill an oatmeal and afterwards a saw mill There are a few of these gate posts in this mill still in existence They are easily known by the rough 2 x 4 inches at one end The saw was not a circular one but the up and down style our grandfathers used This was worked at first by one man in a pit below Afterwards some one invented a shaft which did the work And all the pitmans in the new and all kinds of machinery took their name from the original shaft pitman

It was a slow process and Mr Samuel Rogers a nephew who afterwards owned this mill and installed modern machinery in it used to tell his experience of the first morning in the new mill

His uncle Mr William Rogers a brother of Thomas went slow to see things moving for all he knew was running water power They turned on the water arranged the gates on the corner and went to breakfast After breakfast Samuel suggested that a horse would be useful to [illegible] In those days a west riding Irish man [illegible] but a family would [illegible] the Rev John Morrison was at this time boarding with this family [illegible] Mr Morrison conducted worship This young man was [illegible] his use [illegible] we have [illegible] the mill's then unheeded [illegible] how the work was going on in the mill and usually boys [illegible] the most in time for the sweet [illegible] when [illegible] the [illegible] man is not in sight he [illegible] and [illegible] anyone [illegible] of these boys [illegible] [illegible]

A kiln had also been erected to dry the oats and an elevator was between the kiln and the mill gave the children of those days the only idea they had of the railroad It should have been [illegible] erected on rock for which it was

There was carding machinery put in one corner of the grist mill. In the early '70's a Mr. William McGregor from Waterdown moved [illegible] ville and erected a factory for making shingles. Were you [illegible] cedars [illegible] today you would have seen. Where are the cedar [illegible] and [illegible] shown across fields the remains of a stone mill [illegible] by Mr. [illegible] dogets about [illegible] 1880.

It was near [illegible] was [illegible] Mr. Rogers thought when he put the mill up the township [illegible] would put a bridge over the river and leading from the village [illegible] the first bridge which he built himself having been burnt when the [illegible] bridge went up in smoke. But by this time roads were getting [illegible] in fair shape and the settlers nearly all had horses and waggons and just as some people now send to Eaton's they then came to Mount Forest for their flour and other purchases and as a rule got the [illegible] cent for their butter and eggs. It was little enough at the most 5 cents in summer for butter 12 to 12½ cents in winter, eggs 6 and 7 cents in summer and so little being in winter that [illegible] were [illegible]. As late as 1855 good [illegible] was [illegible] as [illegible] more a drug on the market. No wonder the [illegible] women [illegible] today [illegible] those hard old days will never come back.

Mr. Thomas Rogers moved to Mount Forest [illegible] somewhere and [illegible] came to [illegible] Garafraxa in 1873 or 1874 and built a house and store on the [illegible] of Mr. McDonald's. Here for years Mr. Rogers carried on a regular department store. One could buy a beautiful [illegible] he [illegible] a barrel of salt if one had the butter [illegible] eggs. There was no cash [illegible] those days. It was only [illegible] as [illegible] put [illegible] to [illegible] or at the blacksmith shop. I have heard the farmer's wife in the last year say that her husband [illegible] ask for cash for butter or eggs. In this store a man could get a suit [illegible] clothes [illegible] ordered or a pound of nails. A lady could get a dress ready made or made to order just as she wished. You could get anything for the inner man from a hundred pounds of flour to a stick of gum. Note [illegible] and carriages were [illegible] by [illegible] and [illegible] up [illegible] cows. Who says things were dear in those days?"

Mr. Peter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] butter moved to Cedar [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] of a picture [illegible] place where [illegible] could get a [illegible] made [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

started a small grocery dry goods and shoe store his being then the first store He afterwards built the original part of the store and house now occupied by Mr Dolphin This good man is perhaps best remembered as teacher and superintendent of the first Sunday School held in the district His singing is said to have been particularly melodious Most of the hymns taught by him are still favorites in Presbyterian churches

I never knew of but one woman to disappear from the township whose disappearance was charged to wolves She was the late Mrs Troy A son I believe still lives in Mount Forest Few of the children ever saw anything worse than a growling Those who have seen them and know what that they can give can understand what a start one of them would give a child who was looking for wild beasts anyway and whose every nerve was on edge

The first settlers did not know much of luxuries for their cattle as they brought they had better roots for their money and so a young boy whose regarded as part of his day's work to take a stroll through the bush and see where his cows were so that he would have an idea in the evening where to get them to milk

For one day in the bright and the day while my mother was looking at her cows a dog sounded across the path She thought it had been wolves and so I pass me it has She waited for a little while but the Farmer would show up but as he did not appear she went to her sisters father was away from home and her husband and together they went for the cows it was still where fell They made short work of it

The Sabbath days were days when we had a little more of rest less days were days in different ways to many We carry out of this knowledge of many meatless days of rich and substantial wood soon may found himself out of a job and oatmeal porridge with skim milk or summer water sweetened with molasses or water formed the morning meal for many of the families of those days In seasons when the frost prevented the potatoes from growing mothers would substituted parsnips the evening meal with much anxiety for fresh [illegible] home's [illegible] of these days did not make sound the [illegible] so far as the [illegible] are many an honest [illegible] with good [illegible] skeleton [illegible] days board on the [illegible] [illegible] I never [illegible] that the [illegible] [illegible] was a [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

beast was said to have been seen, and being on her way home broke down in sobs. Just then a dog which she had seen in the village came along and trotted by her side till far past the dreaded spot.

How little the children of this day of good clear roads of bicycles and autos know of the trials and reliefs of those days. After all, is freedom from troubles and dangers the best thing for us? Had the men on the farms after the fires of '74 seen the fortune in the land, seen by city writers today, or had they had the help to follow up the fire and clear the land where the fire had laid the forest low, much of the land grown over with poplar, spruce and cedar would now be clear land. Where second growth had not made too great headway a second fire in 1881 (the year of the dark days) made clearing the land in most of places easy work. Although I was not like Peter McArthur too late in coming on the scene to help clear up the land and I had a lot of the branding the crops that followed our hard work, particularly in the Balm of Gilead and Tamarack swamps cut down by frost as often was, killed a great deal of sentiment in me if not in my father.

Sentiment is all right but here is one who cannot see why any one should keep his wife and family living from hand to mouth for any sentiment and many did just that in Proton.

With the first settlers into Proton came the minister and the saloon keeper. For the latter to provide travelling accommodation was the excuse to make money easily and to be able to get lots of liquor cheap was the reason. All liquor was cheap in those days. The McDonalds before mentioned were I believe the first to sell liquor in Clearville. They had a private still as well and so got all that was [illegible].

To show how plentiful whiskey was there is a story told of our last day [illegible] there were fairs held in Cedarville in those days when the eldest McDonald's husband and wife sat all day on each side of the tubful of whiskey. Their efforts to get in an upright position furnished the most way attraction of the fair. Some of the old Mount Forest boys may remember coming out to school one day and seeing an old lady in a red cap [illegible] her head of her dress on an ill favored horse. Sat a horse feet away from the crown of his head with tops of boots. The old lady was unconscious of her attire and knew only we the her charger would ride as little sh[illegible] even at a country fair. She also remembered about the school, and knew it was nearly time for it to be out. She took what she thought was a back street and turned up in front of the school just as the children came out. The sight was too much for the boys. But the old lady came out [illegible] only for her heart [illegible].

Mr. William Irby kept the first regular hotel in the remnant house still standing just as you get into the village. After his death a Mr. Gray kept hotel on the old stand.

Mr. McKenzie superintended and taught the Sunday School till 1874 when he sold out his store to the late J. F. McLaughlin. In

the same year Mr. Mckenzie left to take part in another pioneering enterprise viz. surveying the proposed route of the C. P. R. He was time keeper for the engineer. In '74 he moved his family to Winnipeg where he was employed in the post office till about 1880 when he went on a farm near Carman where he died in 1894.

With Mr. McKenzie came also Mrs. (the late Alex. McKenzie has brother Duncan and his brother William and sister Jane who [illegible] married the late Alex. McPherson and Flora (the late Mrs. James Laverock).

William became the second teacher to teach school in S. S. No. 5 a mile east of the village [illegible]. A Miss Vert was the first teacher. Her father [illegible] was also a school teacher [illegible] William was a successful school teacher and taught continuously till 1907. After leaving [illegible] he taught at Arthur where he went to Malden near Guelph [illegible] where he died in 1908.

His [illegible] on the river and with his axe [illegible] upon it to rest. The property afterwards passed into Duncan and he lived there till 1902 when [illegible] years and afterwards went West where most of his family [illegible]. After Mrs. Jean [illegible] with her [illegible] and [illegible] to Scotland [illegible] and they took [illegible] Mr. Alex. [illegible] spot.

Mr. Alex. [illegible] in 1874 the same concession [illegible] at that time [illegible] people passed away the closest [illegible] was nearly five miles.

In spite [illegible] the fact that they were very busy clearing [illegible] and making [illegible] they could. Those hardy people must [illegible] there were times of home sickness [illegible] Mr. Alex. McPherson in 1862 took up [illegible] There was considerable swamp [illegible] there was always the howl of wolves [illegible] It was wonderful [illegible] the trouble [illegible] that so few were [illegible]

[illegible] which [illegible] a corres pondent was [illegible] between 1860 and 1870. The [illegible]

[illegible] Sunday after dinner we children [illegible] and [illegible] a wolf seeing a [illegible] We [illegible] what was now. Father took [illegible] make a [illegible] drop the [illegible] was living and able to stand up [illegible] down [illegible] and see [illegible] We found that [illegible] the [illegible] The teeth of the brute went [illegible] Father [illegible] a number of the wolves [illegible] the bones of the lambs they had killed and be

always put poison on those remains but he never found the carcass of a wolf

The next winter that of 73. 74 one very snowy Sunday father and mother went to church While they were away a little dog that we had kept up constant barking We went to the door several times but all we could see was a pig which seemed determined to come to the house The dog seemed just as determined that she should not hence the barking When father came home he could not find a sheep one had missed he fed what other stock we had and had something to eat and started in search for the sheep The snow had fallen so fast that all tracks were covered He was home from church at three o'clock and he searched round the clearing till after ten at night but found no sheep He was up betimes next morning and just as he was leaving the barn from the west what should he see but the sheep or at least some of them coming to meet him from the east It was an hilly right but he counted seven The seventh just as she got onto the table lay down and died

Father then followed the track by which they had come and found the spot where the rest had been killed and mostly eaten He put more poison on what pieces were left and I do not remember that we lost any more stock of any kind by wolves

I suppose there are the fewest number of people now who can remember the howl set up by a pack of wolves but I have never heard anything that made one shudder like that howl If we neglected to shut up the sheep early in the evening the sound reminded us of them

But the summer of 73 was very dry and everybody was making use of the dry weather to get their fall wheat in but the dry weather lasted longer than they anticipated and the fires began to spread beyond cultivated boundaries and on a very warm morning in the harvest time I was sent on an errand to the village about two miles away I have never forgotten that day There were fires smouldering everywhere I remember how father questioned the very particularly as to the places where I had seen the fires Then turning to the neighbor who had been helping him with the harvest he said I think we had better go home and fill our tank and see what the matter is on the back of the place By two o'clock the air was getting dark and every place seemed to be on fire Such terror was upon us of being burned that I was kept awake by what the women made them

We had a strong fence at the [illegible] Father told me to keep the horses in the yard as we were also surrounded Mr Jones [illegible] and our house [illegible] but though we were [illegible] where about one mile guess not he swamp between us all being on fire

The northern part of the township was nearly all ablaze that afternoon a bush which was having sprung up about ten years favored the spreading of the fire Father and mother took all the water they

could get out of the well and poured it on the roofs of the house and barn then they took the milk set in the milk house and finally mother took the cream to try to keep things moist. About 3 a m. rain began to fall and never was rain more welcome

Mr Henry Howells had sent his man with a team of horses and wagon to the village and while on the way home he got rattled in some way and attempted to go up the 4th concession past the 17th sideroad and lost the horses and wagon

Mr P Ryan on the 6th concession lost three cows and doubtless there were other losses but these were the only ones I remember

I never heard another wolf howl after that night

Afterwards when people noticed the absence of the wolves, some people attributed it to the coming of the railroad but if the story told by a correspondent of the Globe last summer was true trains or their whistles do not account for the absence of wolves I never heard that any one found any bones or the skeleton of a wolf although there were bones of the bones of ground hogs and such small animals

While it was raging at the time this fire did more towards clearing up the township than whole regiments of men would have done Few of the large trees were burnt up but the muck was burnt pretty thoroughly in most places as the fires smouldered away in it till the snow fell

Where the timber was large the trees fell on top of each other in every direction covering hundreds of acres with an intricate mass of timbers over which it was possible to make one's way with difficulty of course three or four feet above the ground

ARTHUR TOWNSHIP HONOR LIST

Following is a list of War Veterans from Arthur Township who received medals from their Township for gallant conduct in the Great War It was inadvertently omitted in its proper place

John Ashwood	Walter Deans	Wm Philips
Geo Herman Allen	Leo Farley	Pat Rafter
Geo E Arnold	Peter Farley	Harry Reed
Percy Barber	Wm Fletcher	Elwin Read
Herman Barber	Leo Goodyear	David Schmidt
David Barber	Elmore Hefner	Leonard Schmidt
John Bishop	George Horning	Matt Starts
Duncan Brown	H J Keenan	Wm Simpson
Peter Brown	Michael Madigan	John Tangney
Edward Burke	Harold Morrison	Oswald Walsh
James Cantelon	Robert Morrison	Milton Waters
Harry Carlin	E E Moore	Fred Waters
John Cane	Wes McGaughey	Harry White
John C Campbell	Chas E Nector	Earl White
M J Campbell	Joseph O'Donnel	John McEachern

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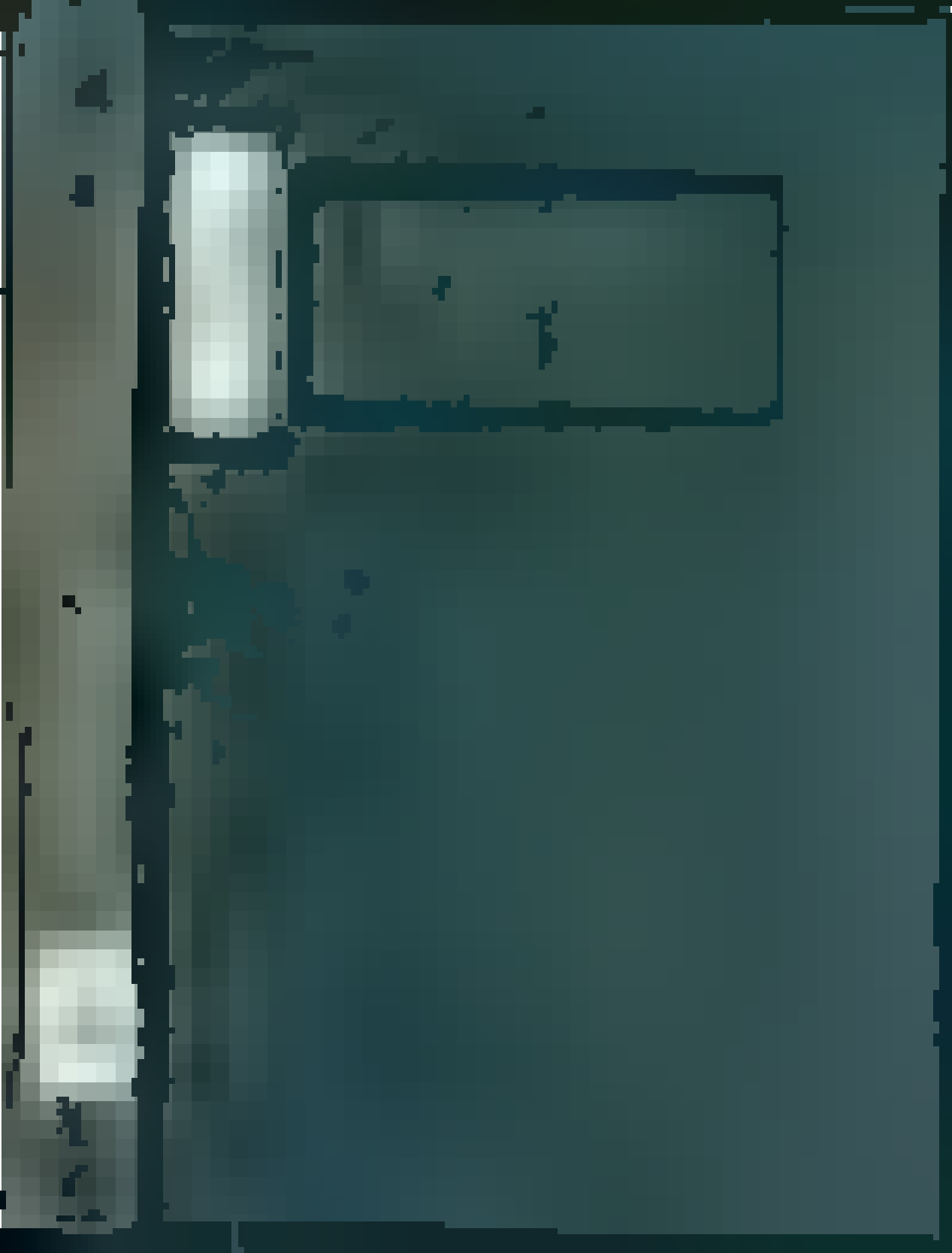

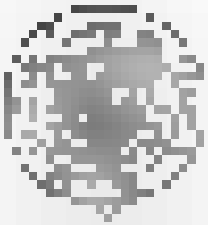

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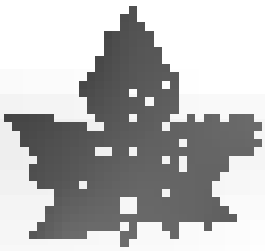

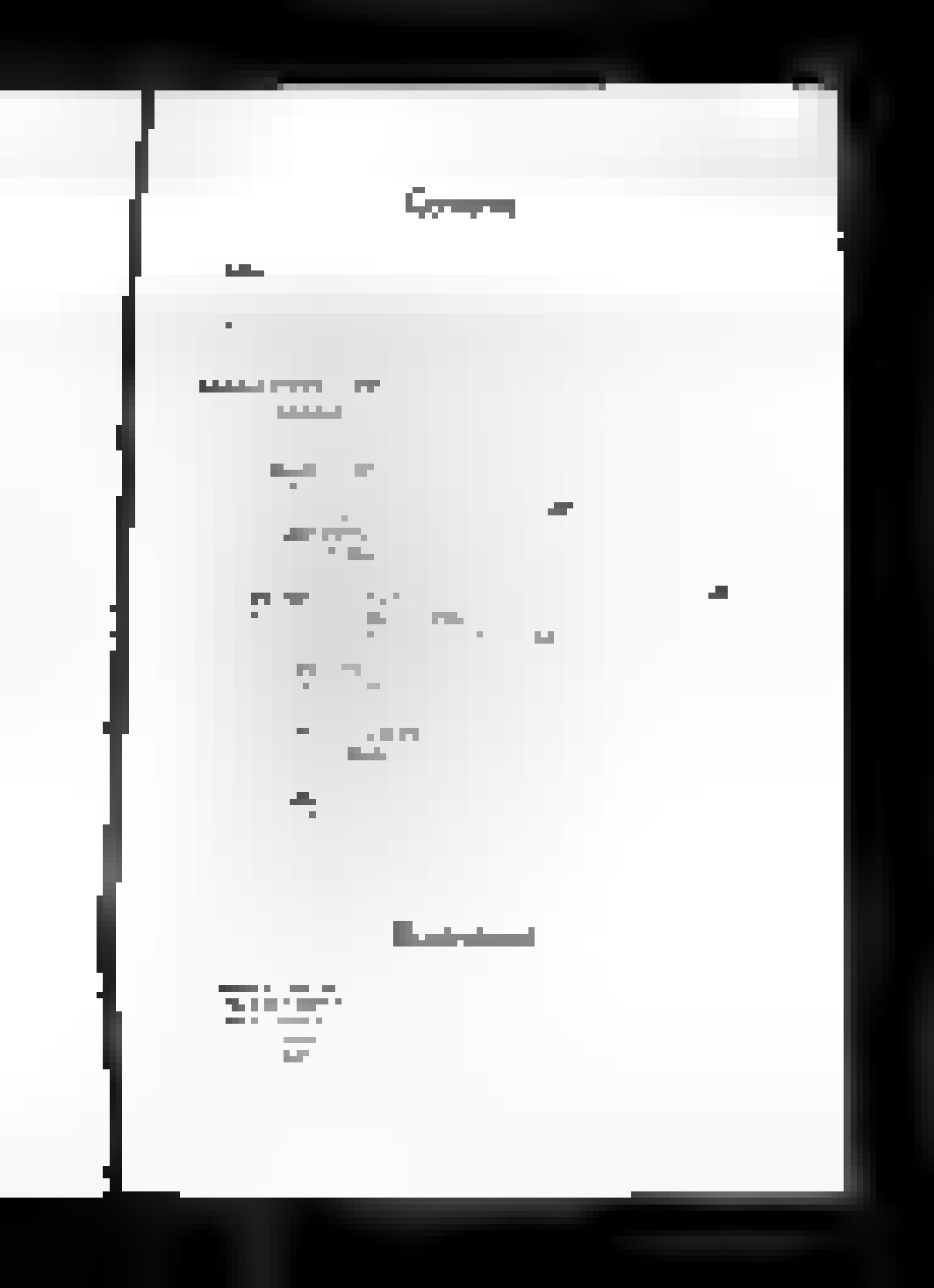

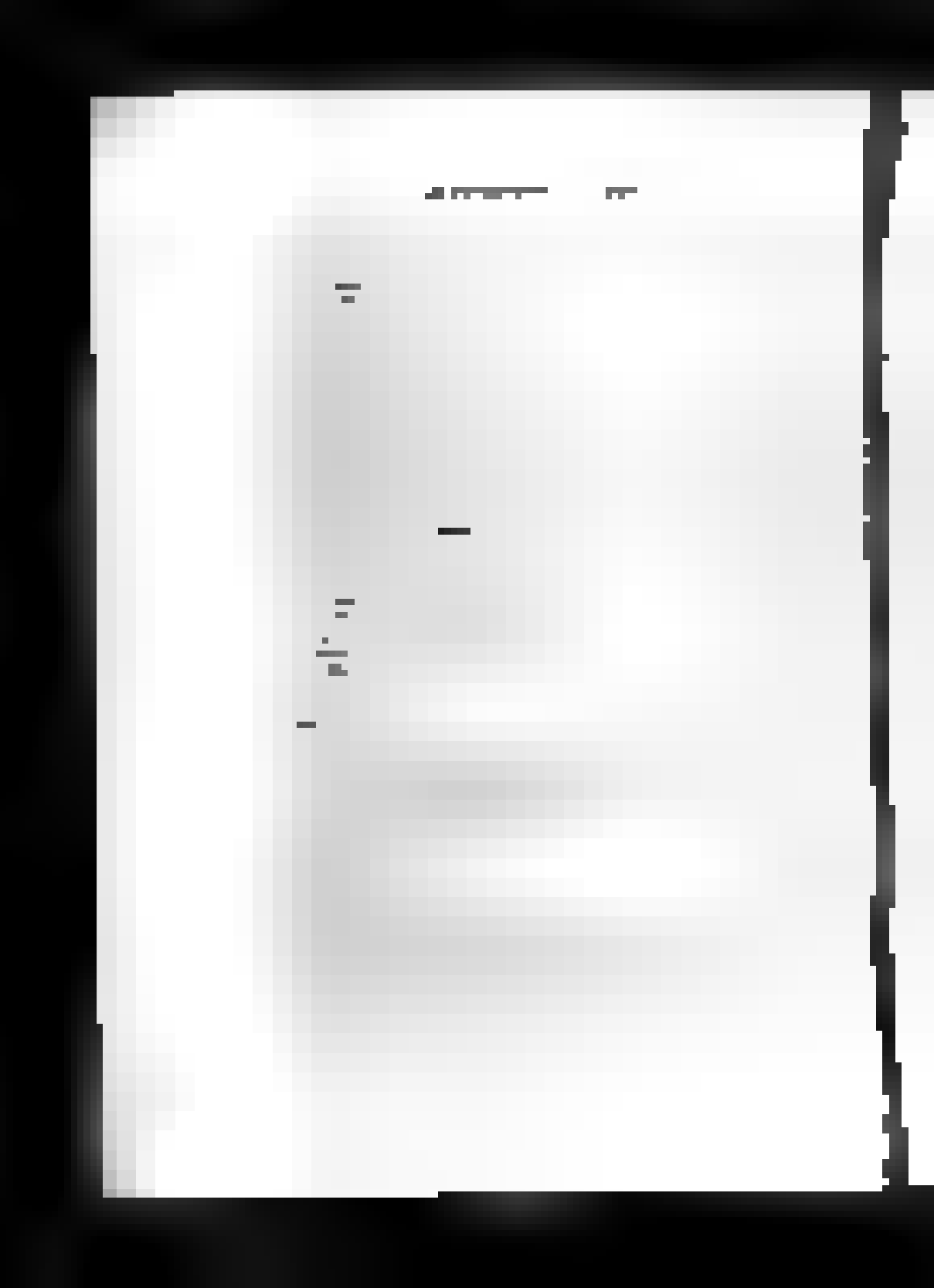

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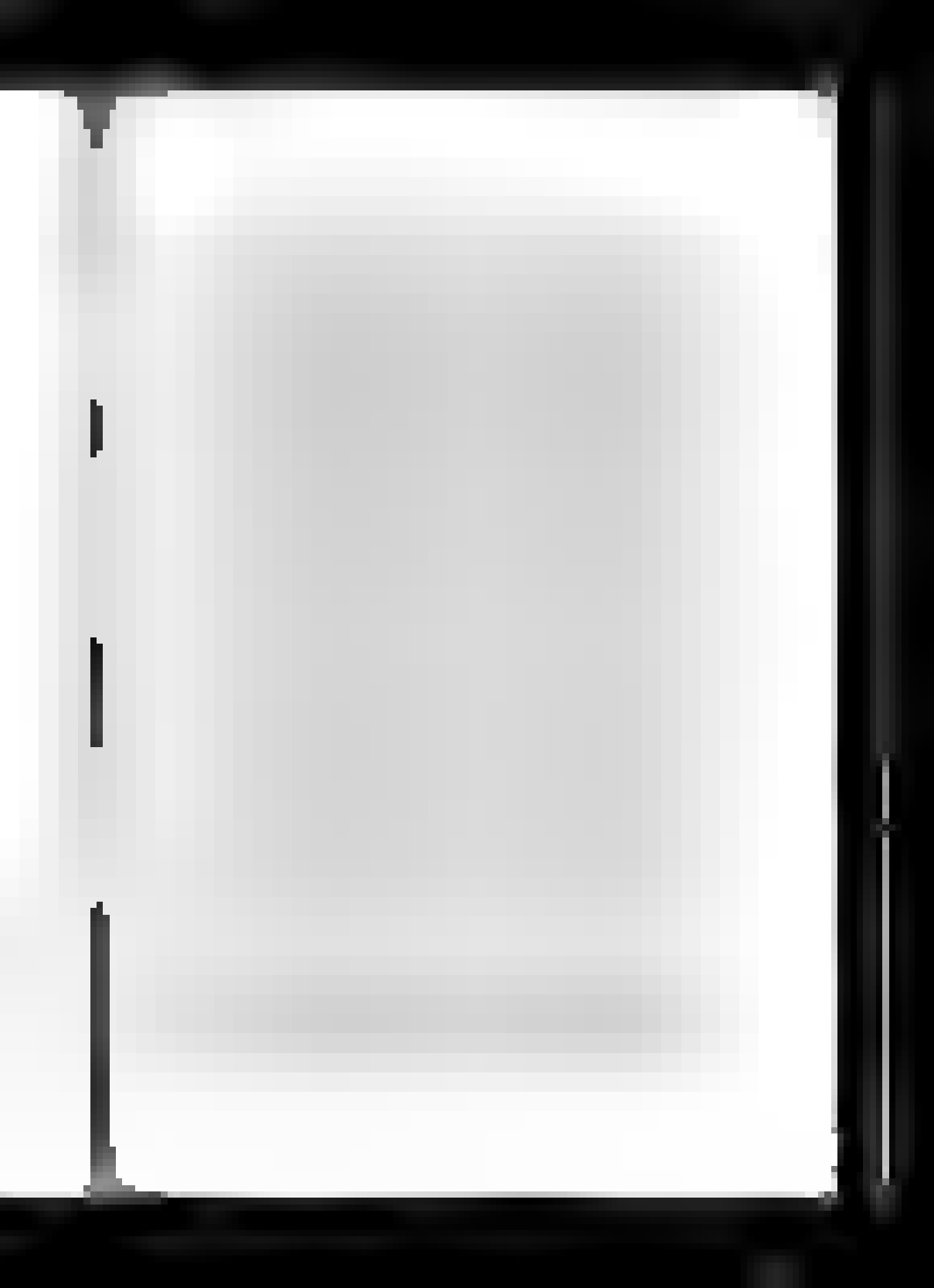

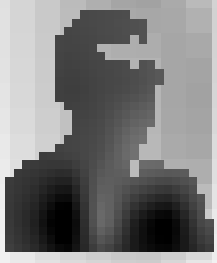

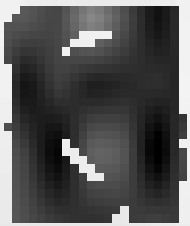

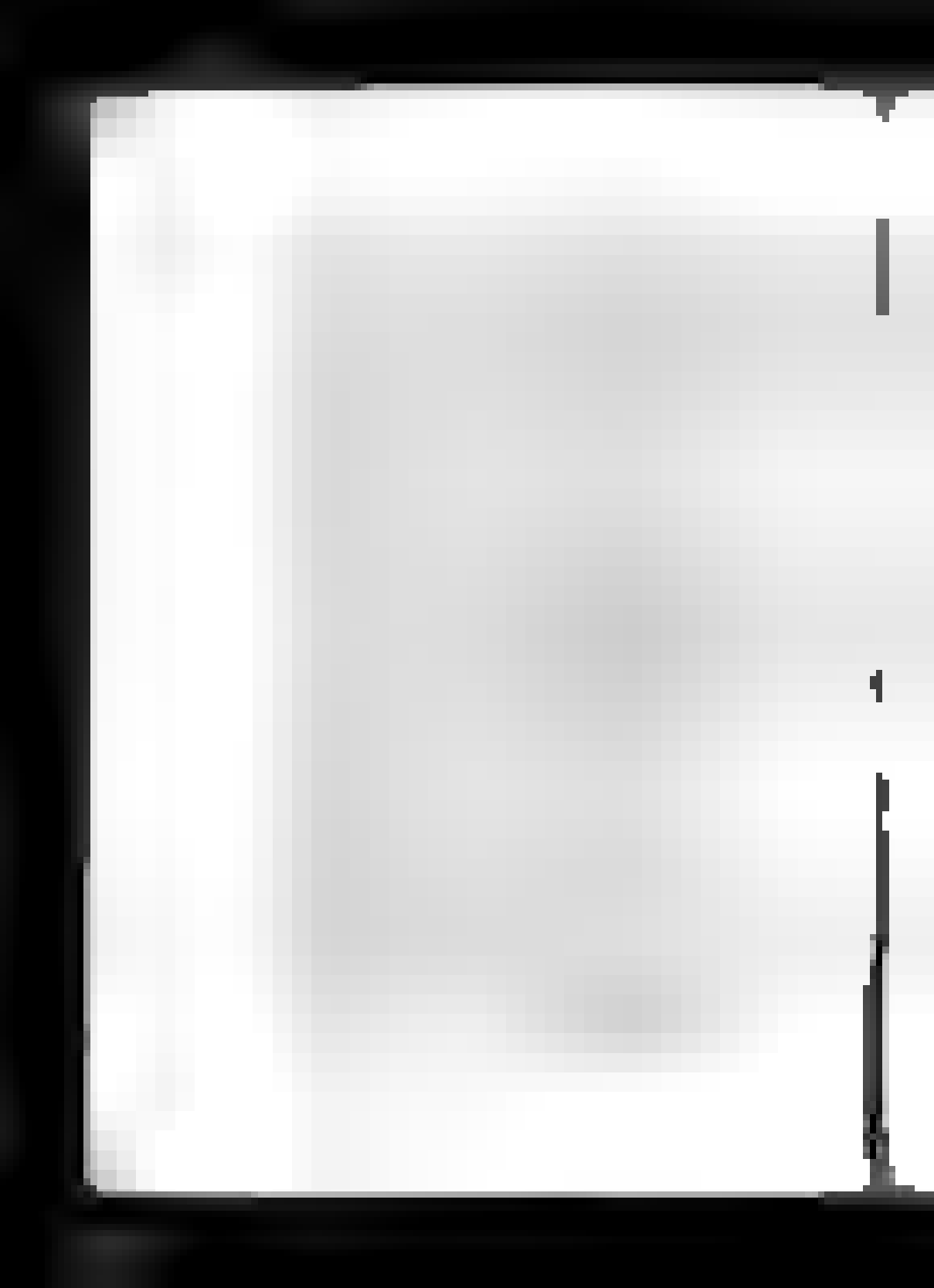

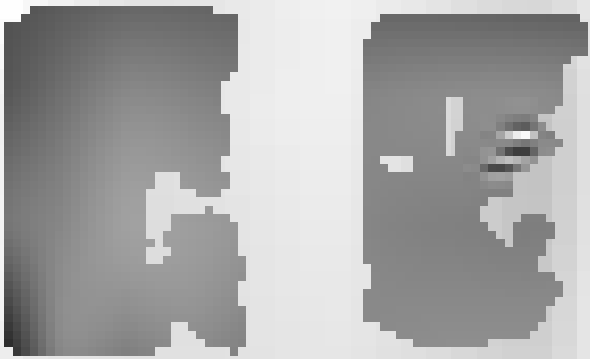

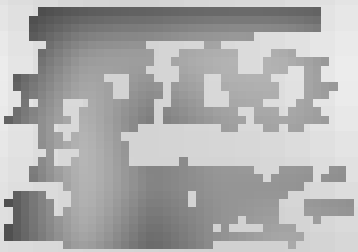

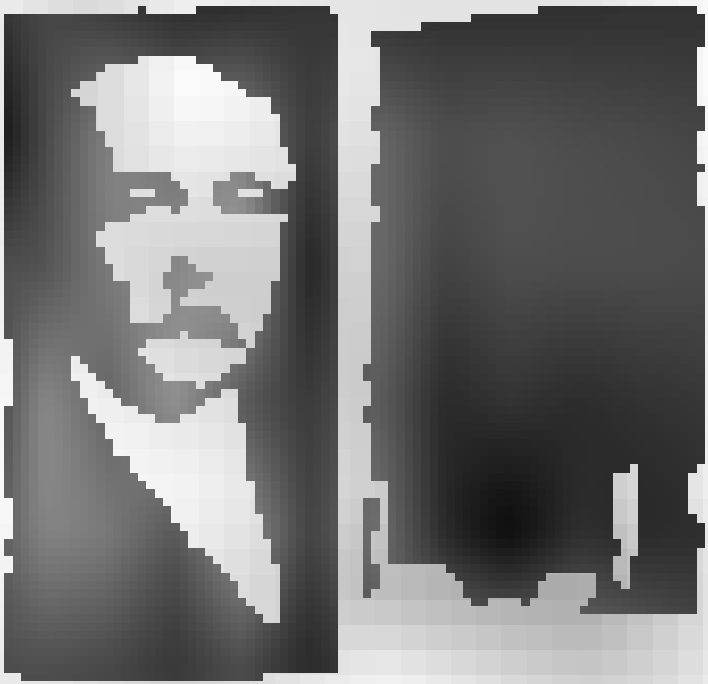

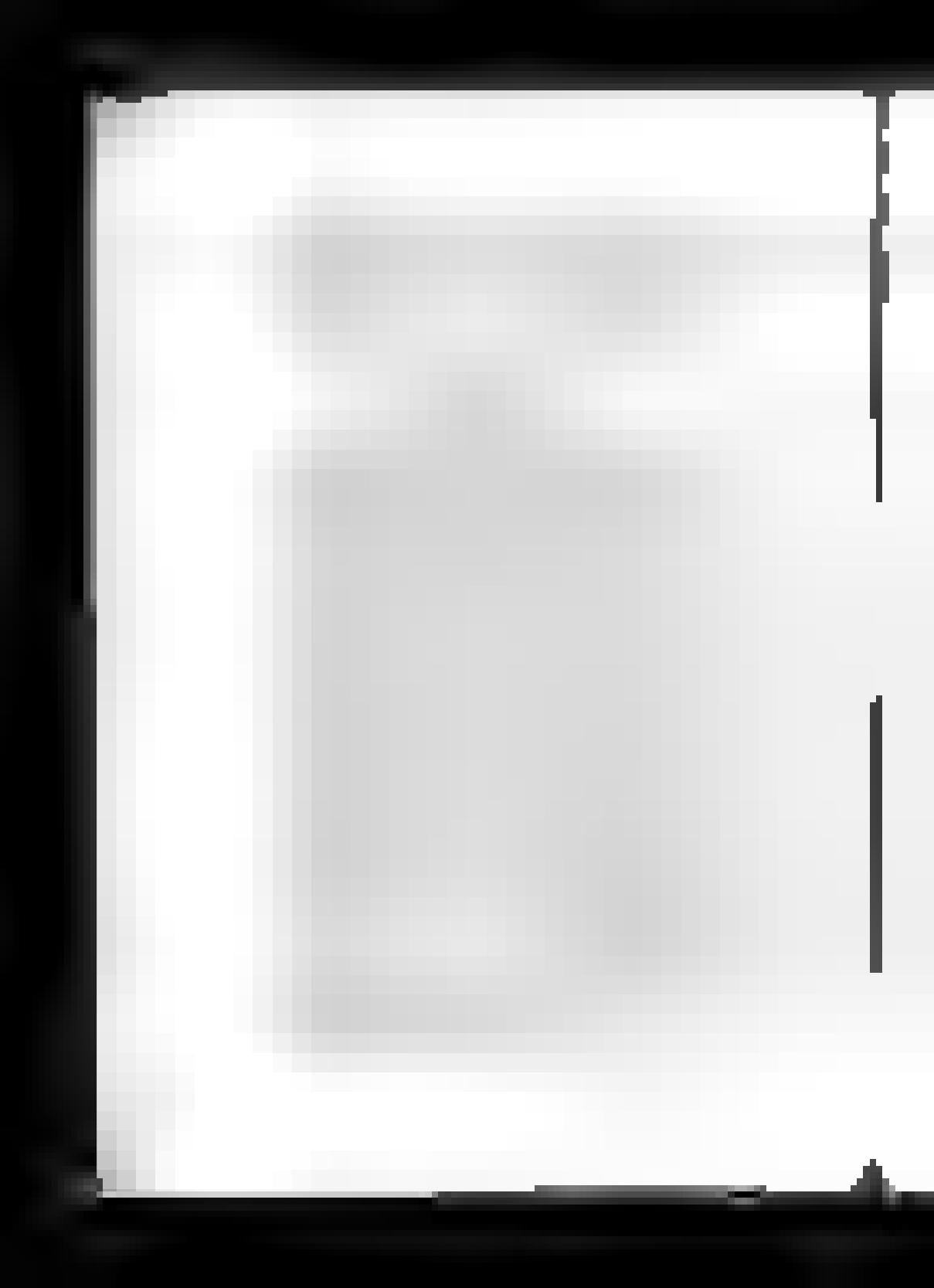

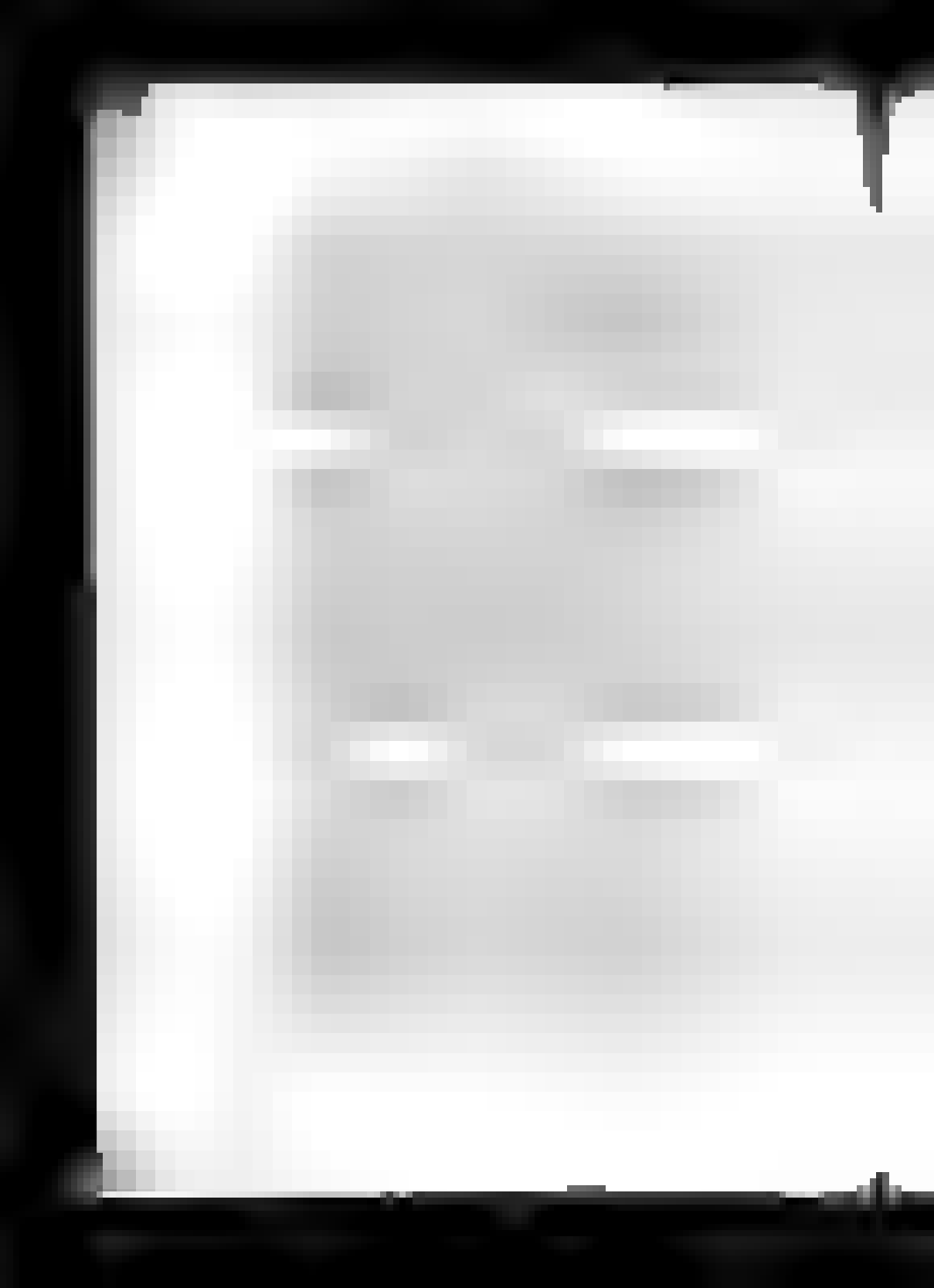

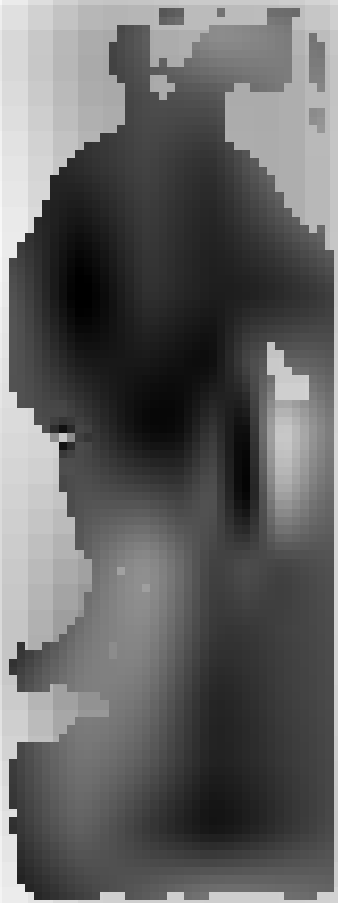

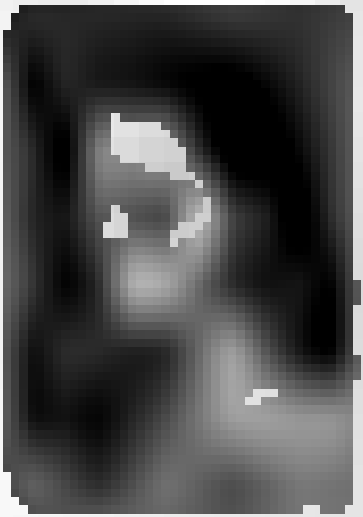

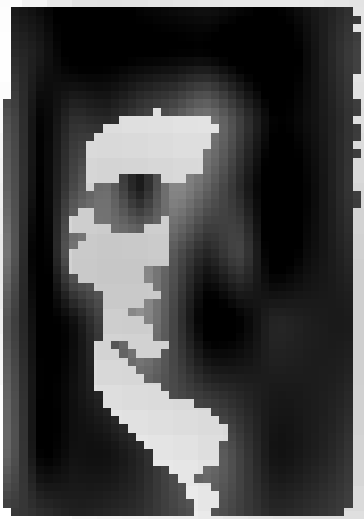

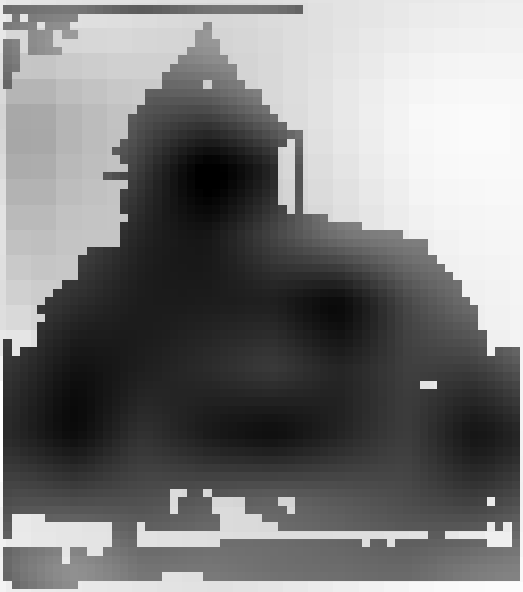
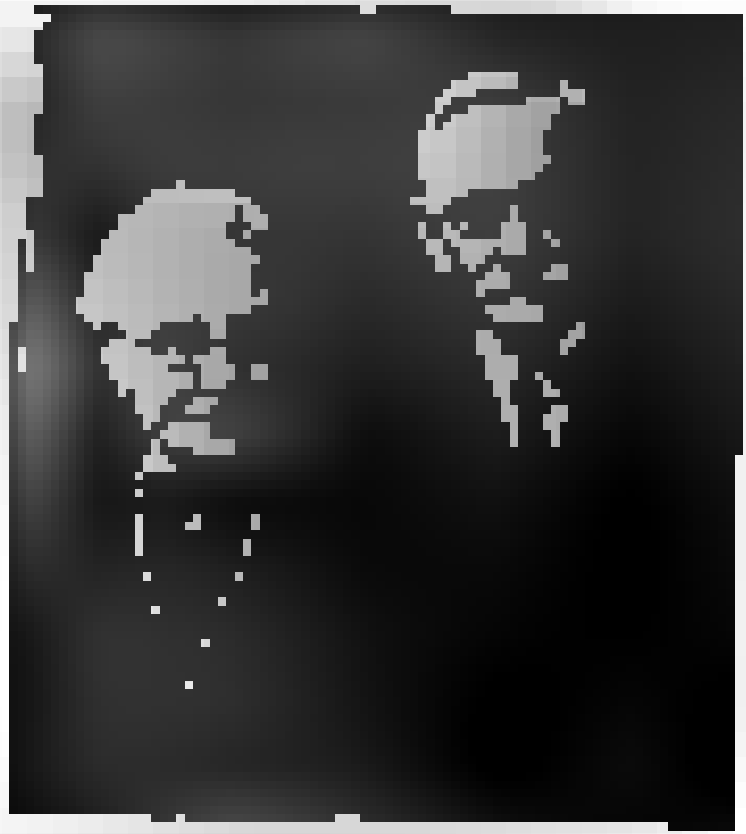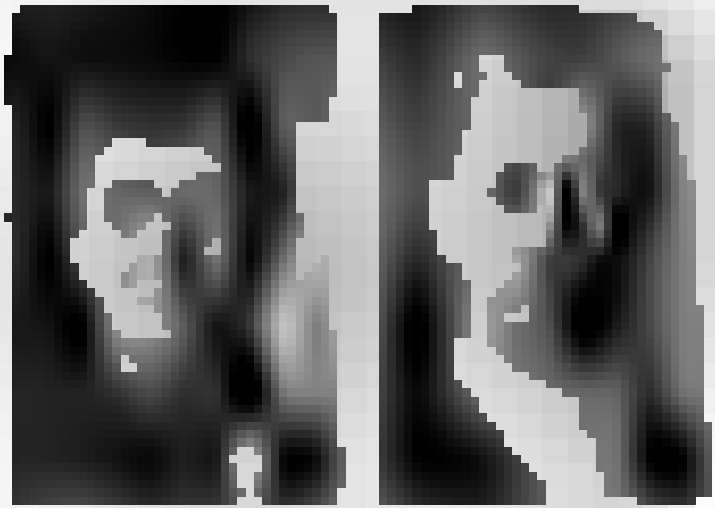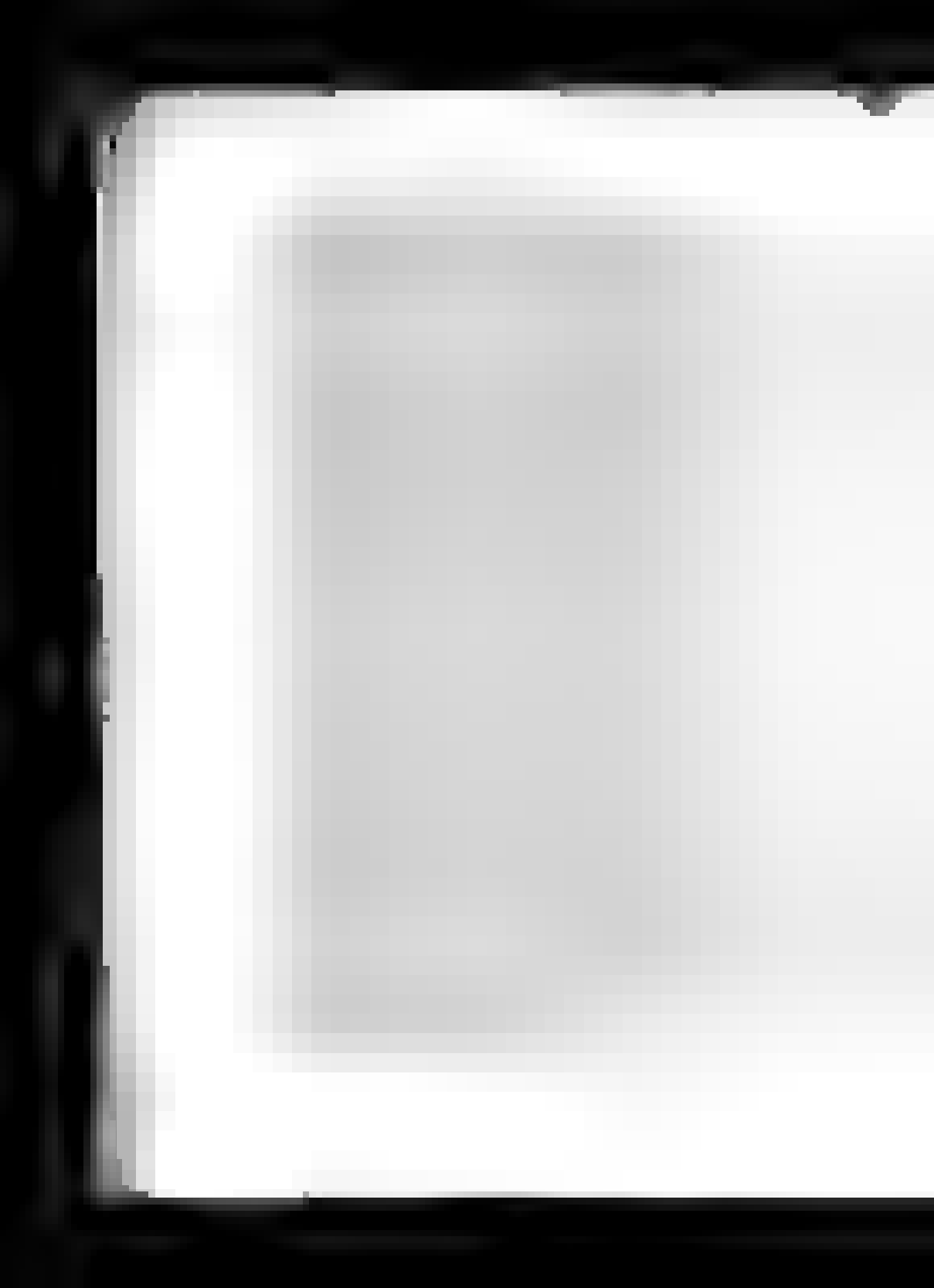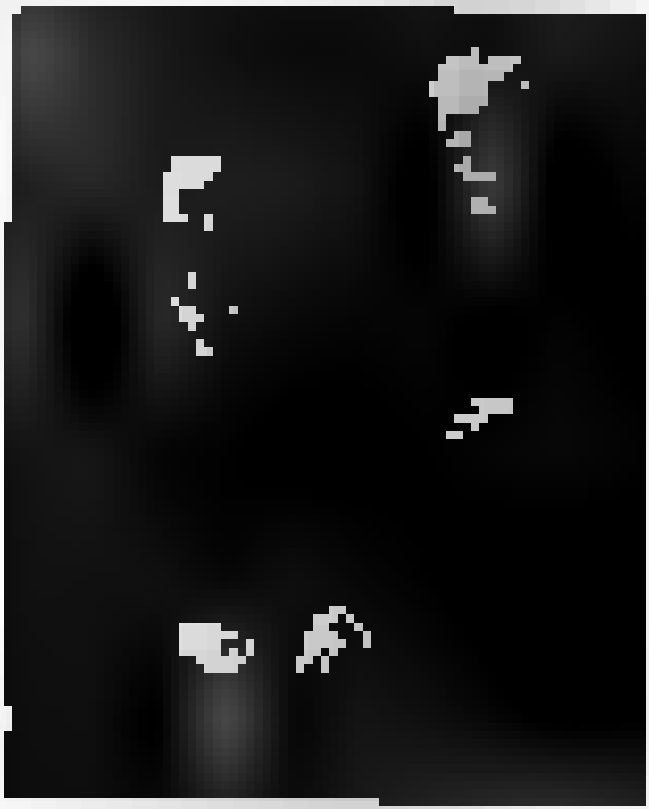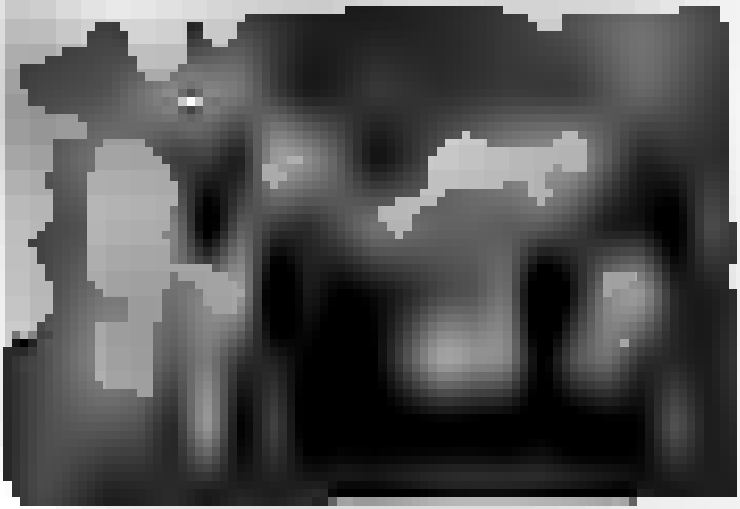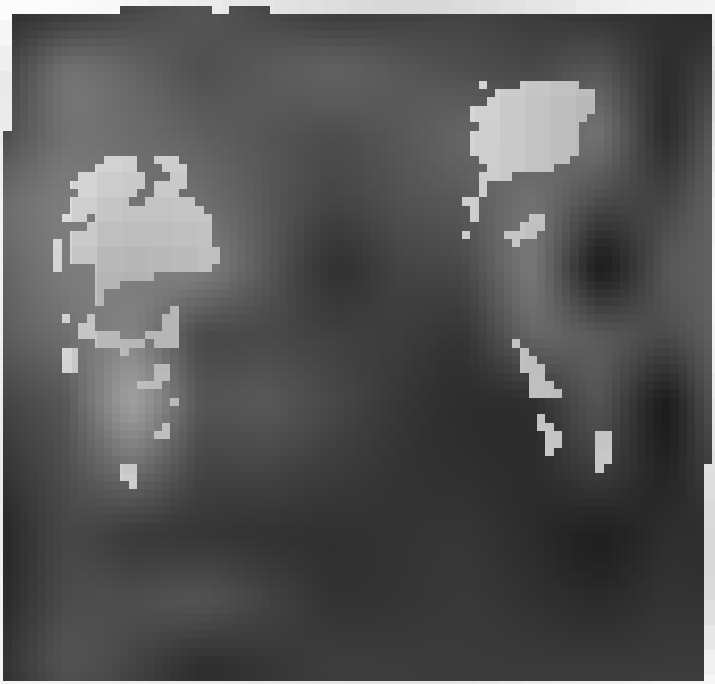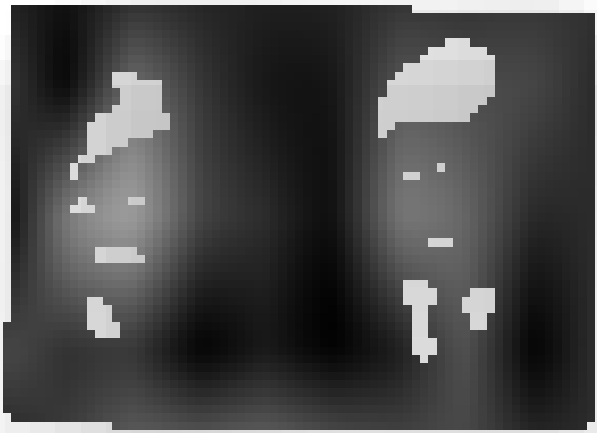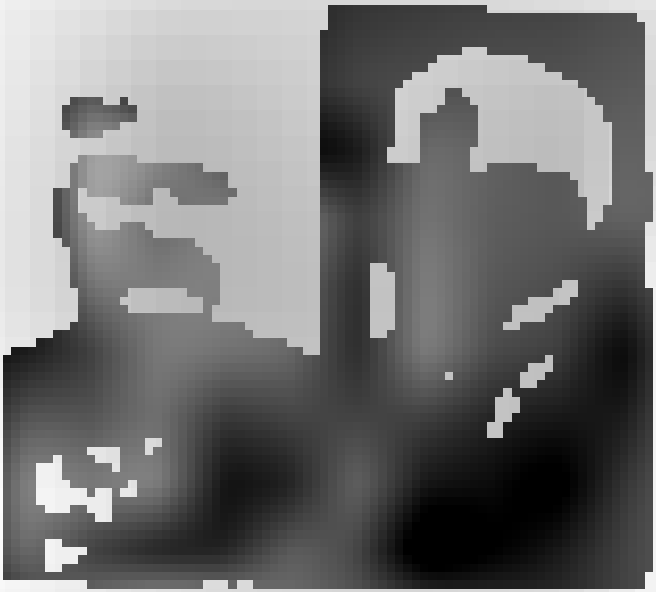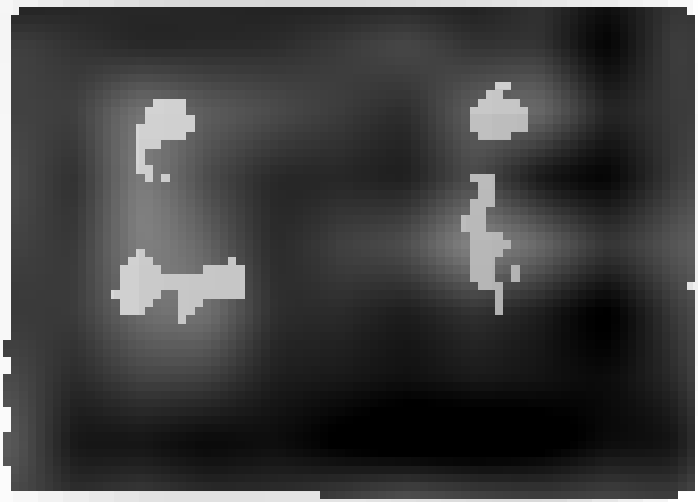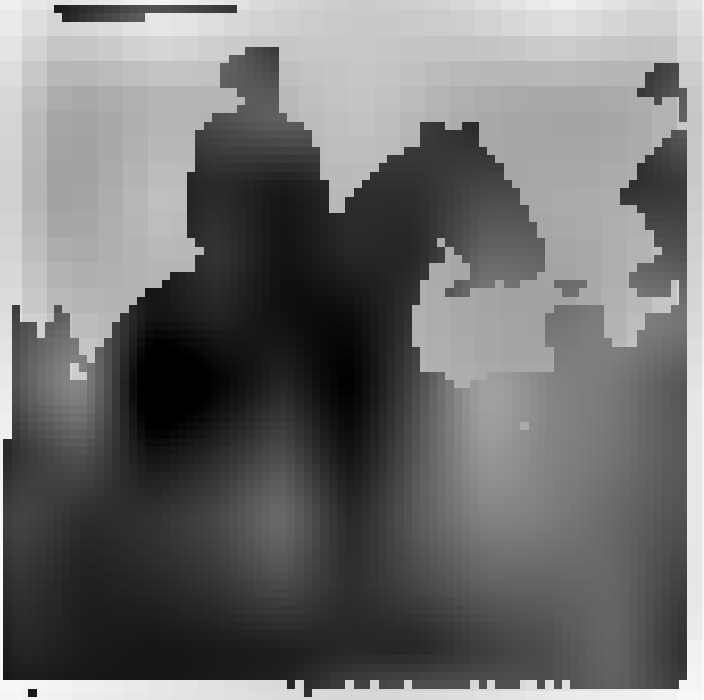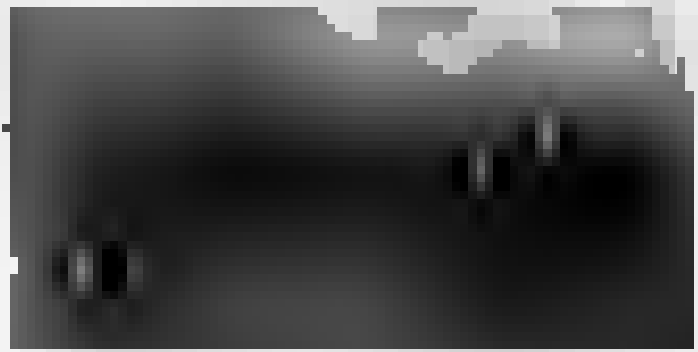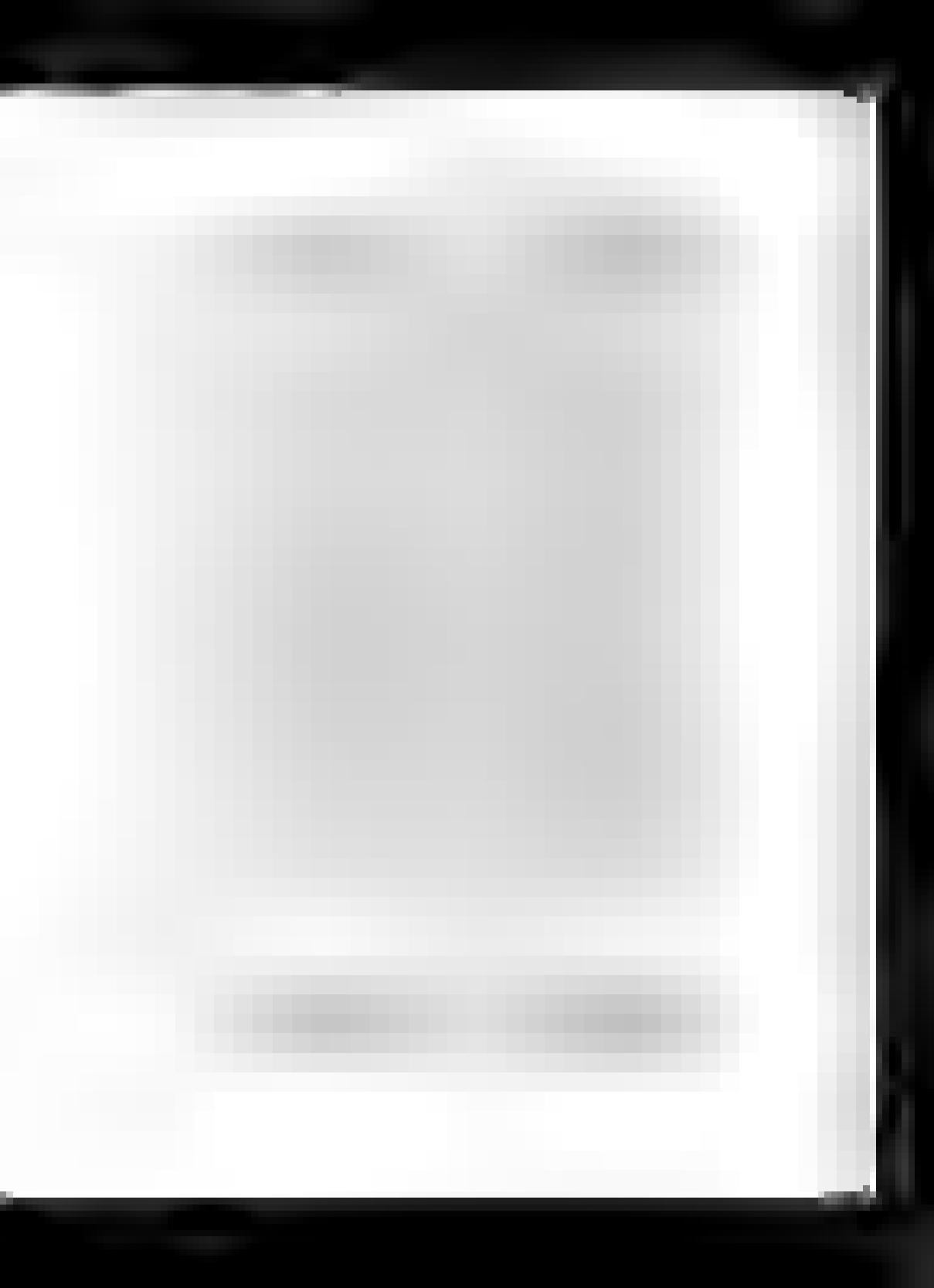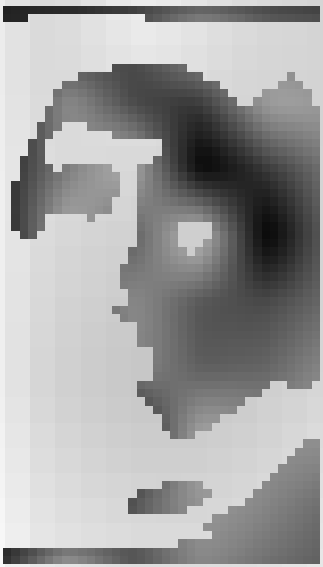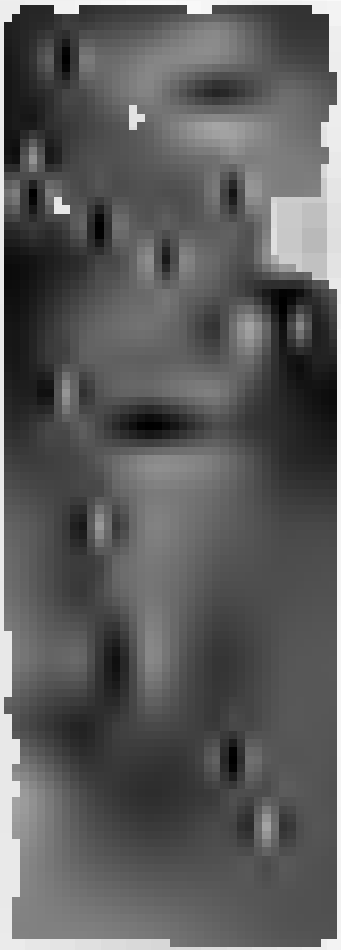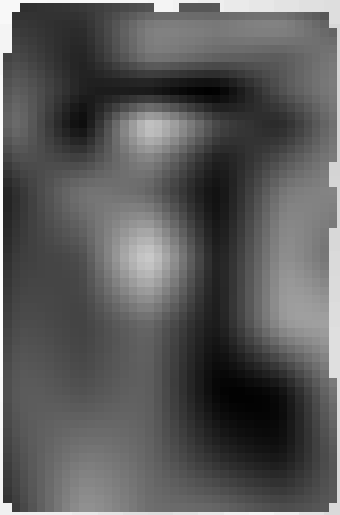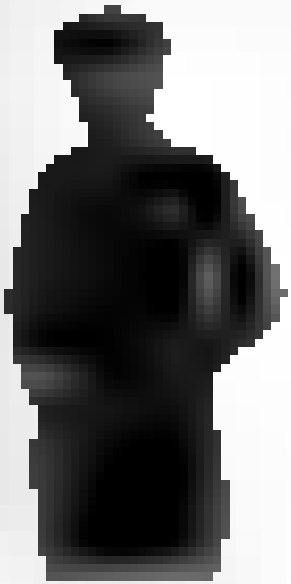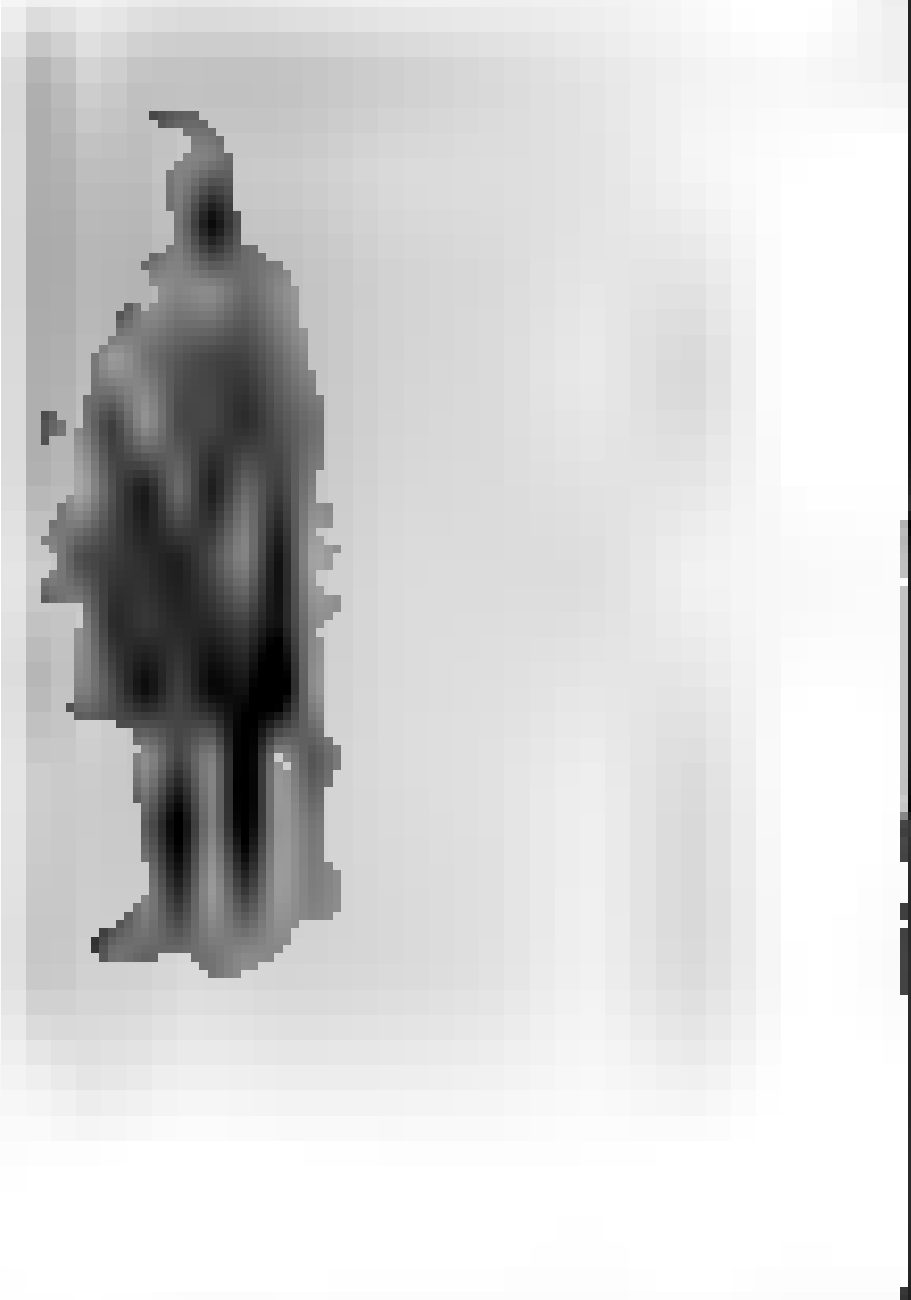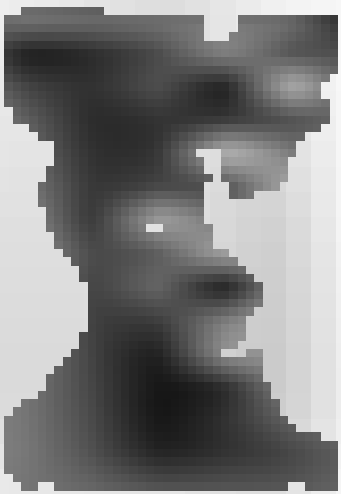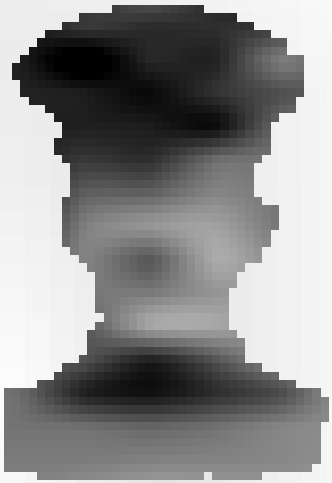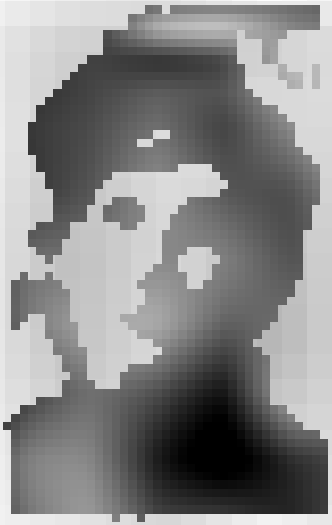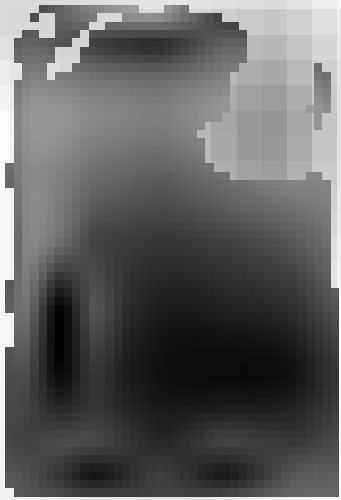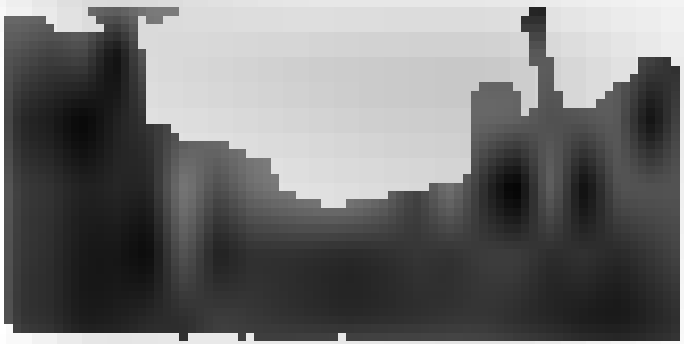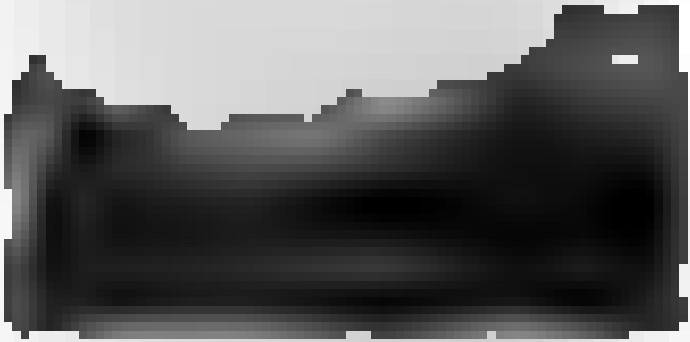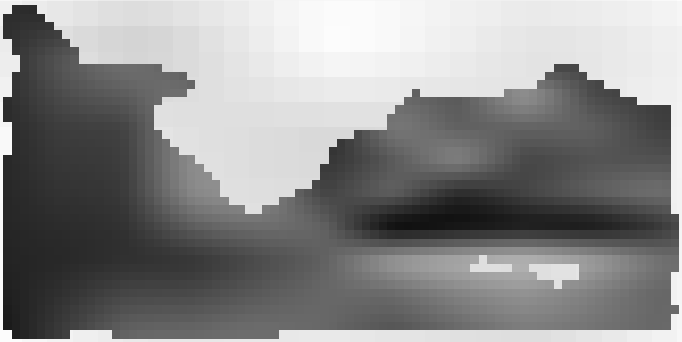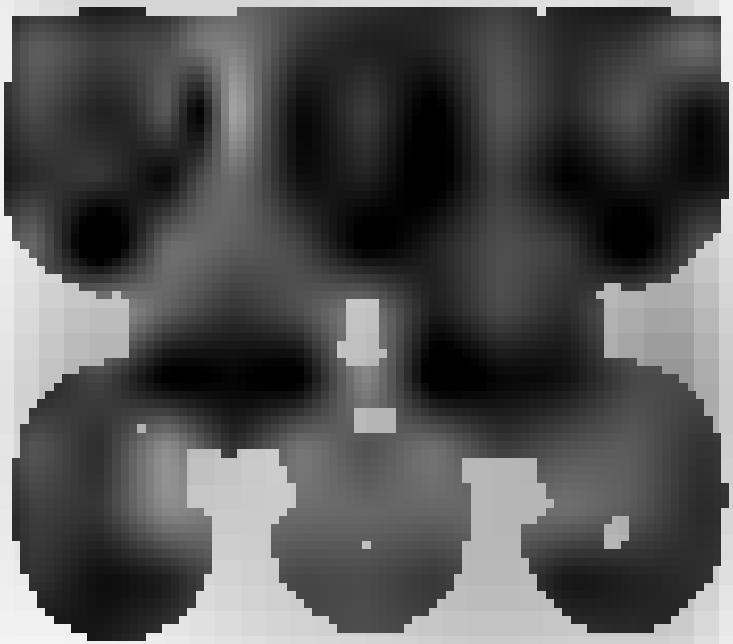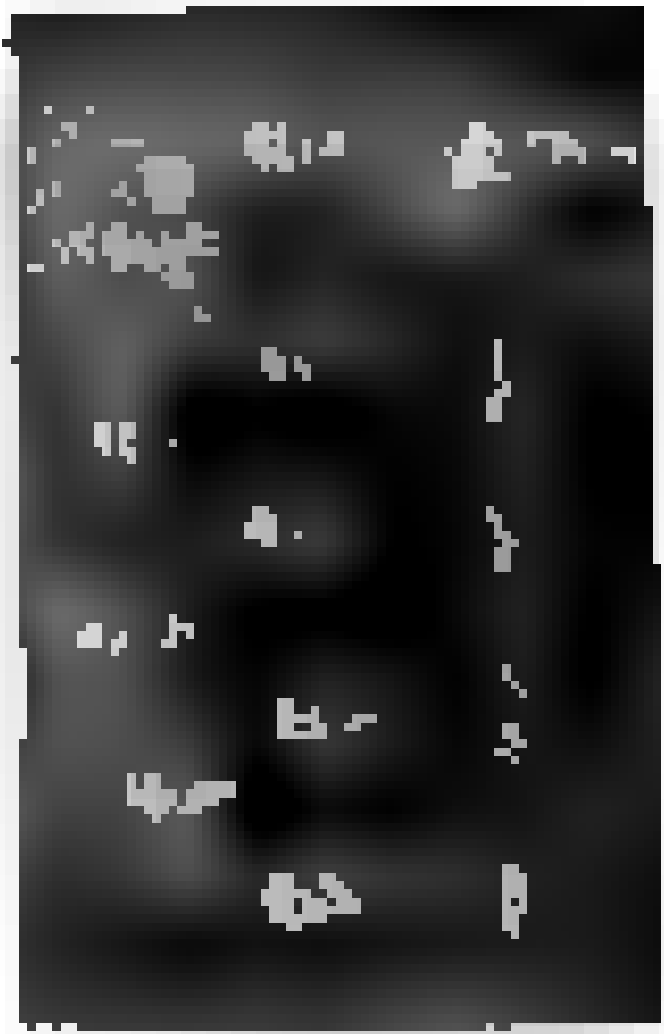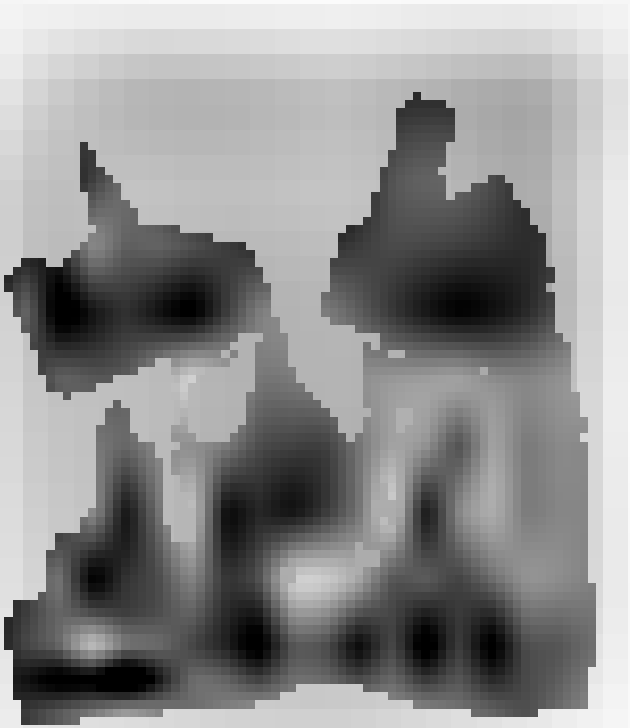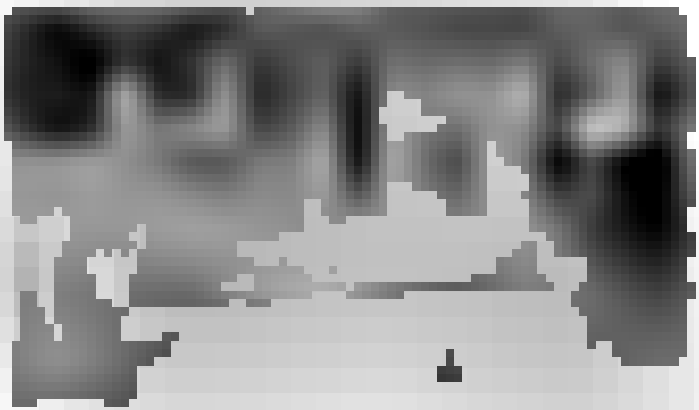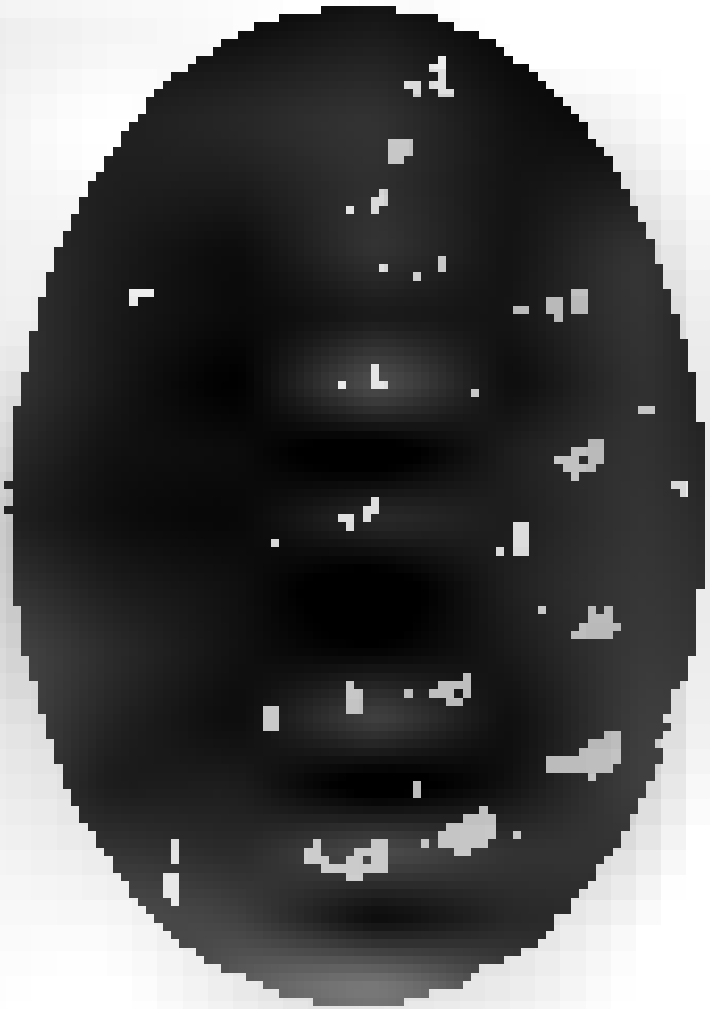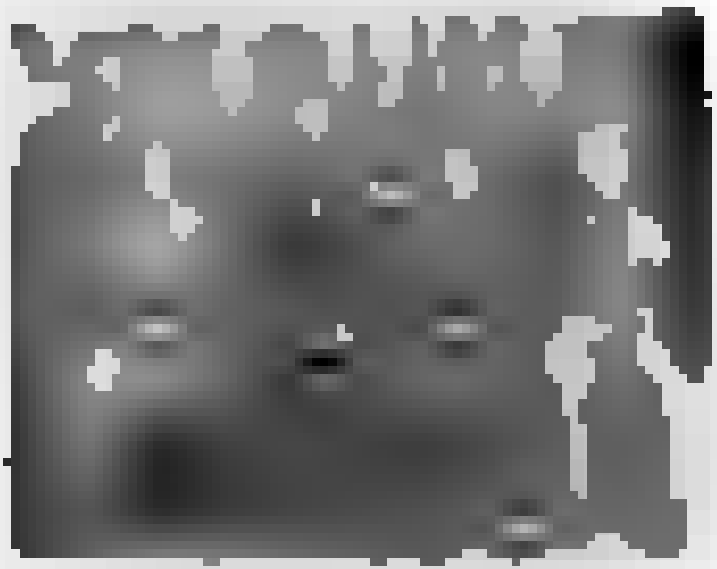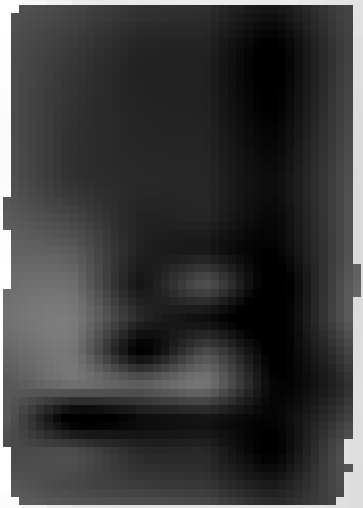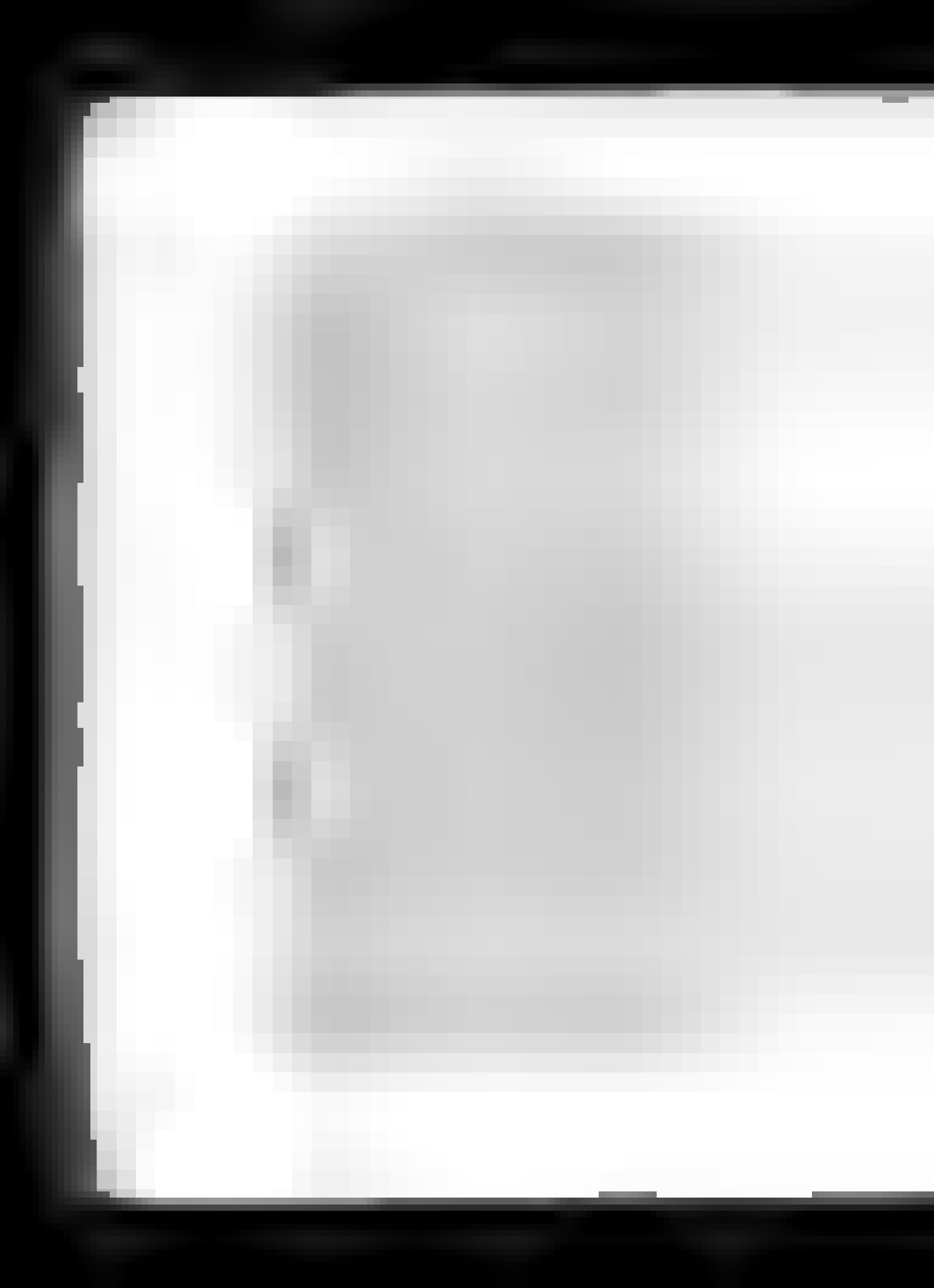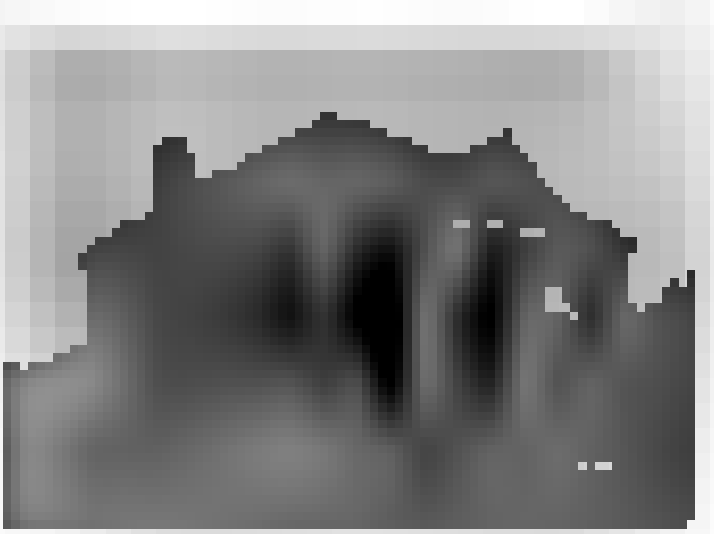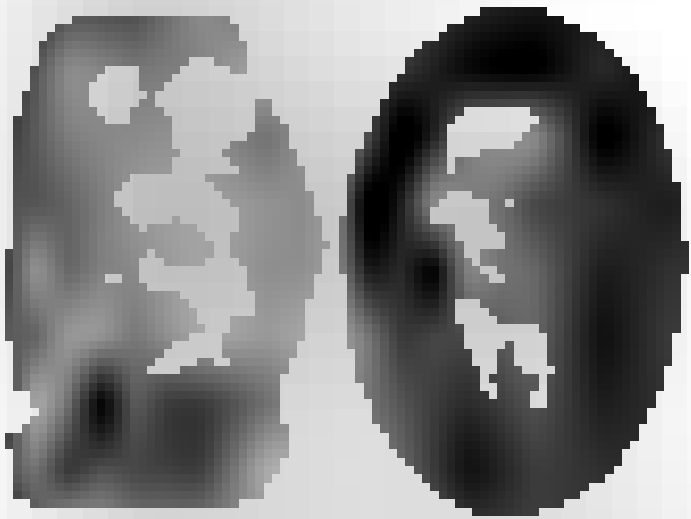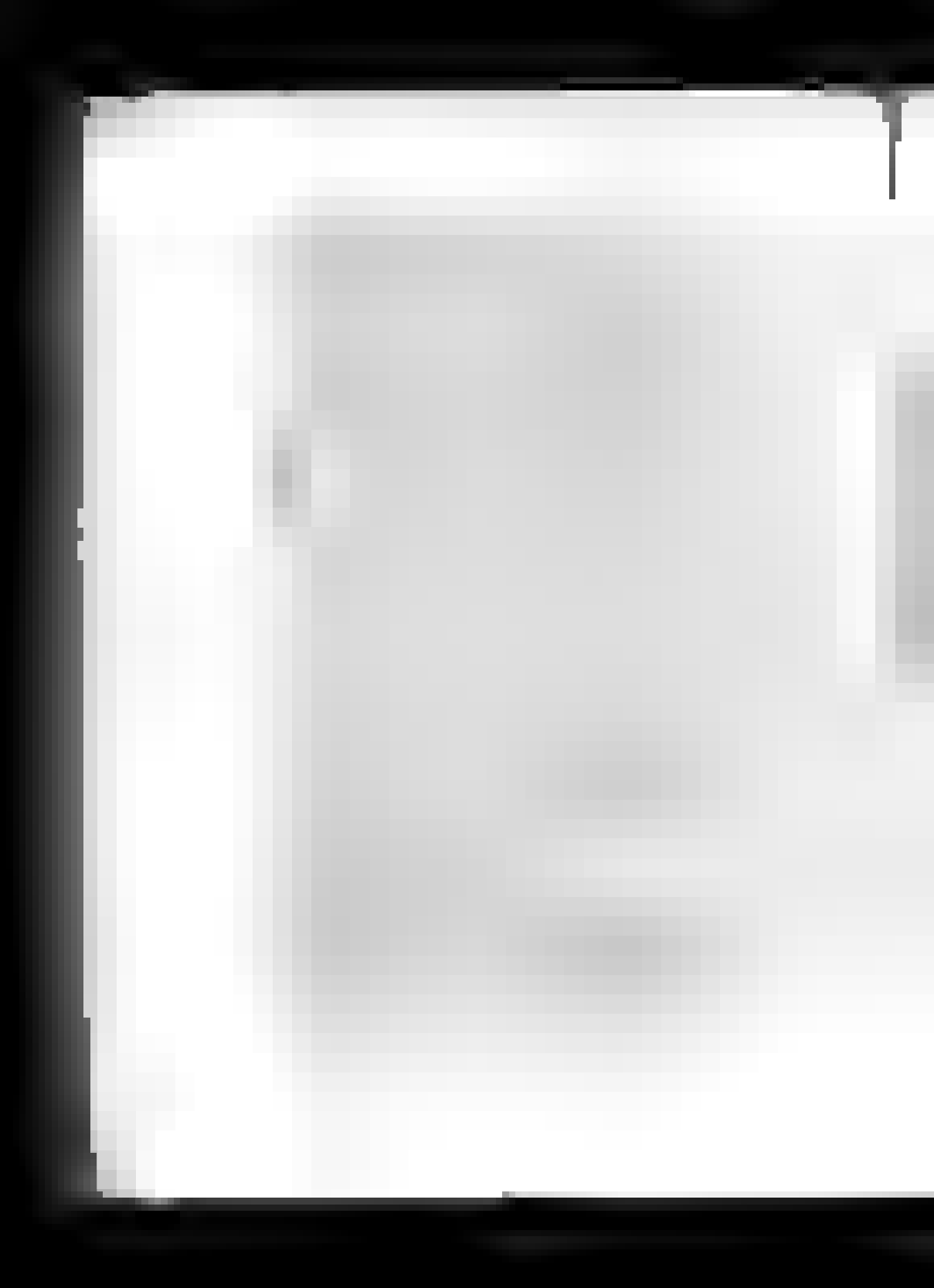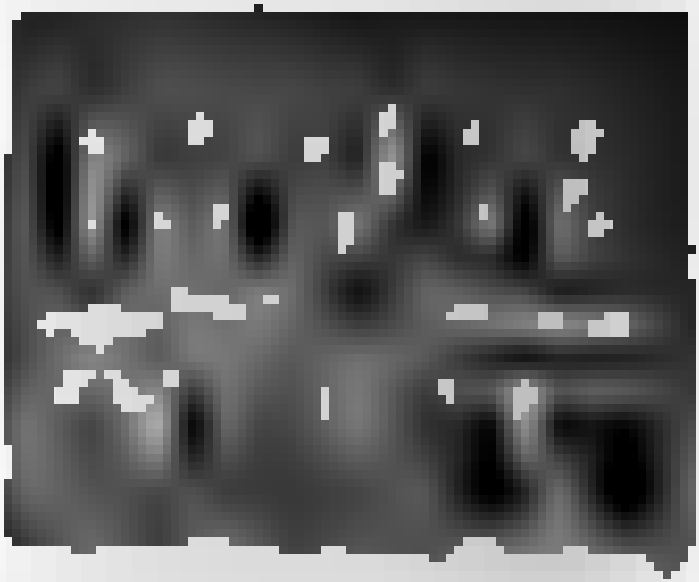
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